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Dear Friends School and community members,

Welcome to this informational showcase of the anti-gay marriage amendment. I have great pride in recognizing this event, along with the work done by the talented group of 8th graders at the Friends School of Minnesota for their production of "Love is Love: Defeat the Amendment."

During my tenure as Mayor, education has remained on the forefront of my priorities. The Friends School of Minnesota is certainly doing an excellent job to ensure that children from Saint Paul and surrounding communities are welcomed in a place of learning that encompasses the values of an inclusive education and holds a commitment to each student's individuality. These principles are evident in the work that has been produced by the eighth-grade students at the Friends School of Minnesota. As a nominee for the Judges' Choice Award at the 2012 Bridge Film Festival, the Friends School of Minnesota eighth-grade class has brought attention to an important issue of fairness and equality in our state and in our own communities. As Mayor, I want to congratulate all that worked on this project and thank you for your contribution to raising awareness of this issue.

The City of Saint Paul has long recognized the important factors that are necessary for a thriving, inclusive and diverse community. This past January, I signed with pride a Saint Paul City Council resolution opposing the same-sex marriage amendment that will appear on voter ballots across the state of Minnesota this November. The support of this resolution is a display of the City of Saint Paul's commitment to its residents, regardless of gender, status, or sexual orientation. I am proud to represent a City that holds these values of tolerance and equality to the highest standard.

Again, welcome to all of you who are here today to participate in such a meaningful and important discussion. I wish to congratulate and commend again the hard work of the Friends School of Minnesota eighth-grade class on their production "Love is Love: Defeat the Amendment." I wish you the best of luck with your award nomination.

Sincerely,

Christopher B. Coleman,
Mayor