

***Whereas,** In 1972, the Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphony (GTCYS) was founded to provide an educational orchestral program for motivated music students from the Twin Cities; and*

***Whereas,** since 1972, the premier orchestral experience has helped more than 16,000 young people develop lifelong values of excellence, teamwork, discipline, and community engagement; and*

***Whereas,** the newly expanded eight academic-year orchestras, three summer orchestras and string orchestra camp, a chamber music program with the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra, mentoring and outreach to local schools, and public performances educate students while vitalizing Saint Paul and surrounding communities; and*

***Whereas,** Over the organization's 42-year history GTCYS has toured the globe from the British Isles to Asia, Central America, the former Soviet Union and the South Pacific using music to transcend cultures and unite people of all backgrounds; and*

***Whereas,** This summer GTCYS is reinstating its biennial touring history. Led by Mark Russell Smith, 77 Symphony students will serve as Minnesota ambassadors as they share their talents with audiences in Spain, including performing by invitation at the prestigious Granada International Festival of Music and Dance; and*

***Whereas,** The performances will include a new commissioned piece by local composer David Evan Thomas, which was premiered in April,*

***Now, Therefore, I,** Christopher B. Coleman, Mayor of the City of Saint Paul, do hereby proclaim Thursday, June 12, 2014 to be:*

***Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphony (GTCYS) Day***

*in the City of Saint Paul.*

*In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Saint Paul to be affixed this Twelfth Day of June in the Year Two Thousand Fourteen*

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*Christopher B. Coleman, Mayor*

