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Dear friends,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2017 Midwest Nursing Research Conference in the Twin Cities.

Public health is central to the work of local government. Among the earliest ordinances adopted by cities were those designed to ensure the public's health and safety through building and housing codes. Over the years, the scope of our work has widened to include integrating parks and open spaces into every neighborhood, promoting urban design that facilitates biking and walking and engaging our parks, libraries and public health nurses in promoting early learning and healthy eating. Most recently, inspired by Richard Louv's book, [Last Child in the Woods](#), Saint Paul has joined with cities across the country in expanding our children's connection to nature.

I hope that, during your time in the Twin Cities, you will have the opportunity to hop on the Green Line and explore Saint Paul's parks and trails, bars and restaurants, theatres and concert halls. There is something for everyone and we are delighted to welcome you to our midst.

Please accept my best wishes for your time together this week—that it will bring new insight into the important work you do.

Sincerely,

Christopher B. Coleman  
Mayor