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Saint Paul to Welcome Return of Declaration of Independence During Convention

City Hall/County Courthouse to Display Copy of Declaration

SAINT PAUL – As part of the celebrations surrounding the Republican National Convention in September, an original printing of the Declaration of Independence will return to Saint Paul for public viewing Sept. 2-4 at Saint Paul City Hall/Ramsey County Courthouse.

“I am happy to partner with Secretary of State Mark Ritchie to bring the Declaration of Independence back to Saint Paul,” Mayor Coleman said. “A national political party convention is about so much more than just the nomination of a candidate. It is a celebration of democracy and American civic pride, and having the Declaration of Independence on public display provides another dimension for residents and visitors to participate and enjoy all that a convention brings with it.”

“I am thrilled that Mayor Coleman and county officials are making this possible for Minnesota,” said Secretary of State Ritchie, whose office is orchestrating the display. “The Declaration of Independence represents the origins of the very idea of democracy, and bringing it to Minnesota during a time when a presidential candidate will be nominated will give residents and visitors a chance to see the very birth certificate of our nation.”

The display will be the second time in six months an original printed version of the Declaration of Independence has come to Minnesota. In May, the Minnesota History Museum displayed the Declaration as part of the state’s sesquicentennial celebrations. More than 22,000 people went to the museum to see the Declaration, one of only 25 of the original printed versions used to deliver the colonial message to the king of England.

“Hosting our nation’s ‘birth certificate’ in our building provides an opportunity for the public to learn about our historical roots in this country,” said Ramsey County Commissioner Jan Parker. “I’m glad we can share it with residents and with visitors here for the Republican National Convention.”

The Declaration of Independence will be on display 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the city hall/county courthouse building at 15 W. Kellogg Blvd.

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