

1 **BOARD BILL NO. 53 INTRODUCED BY ALDERWOMAN CAROL HOWARD,**  
2 **ALDERMAN TERRY KENNEDY, ALDERWOMAN MARLENE DAVIS,**  
3 **ALDERMAN JEFFREY BOYD, ALDERWOMAN BETH MURPHY,**  
4 **ALDERMAN JOSEPH VACCARO,**  
5 **ALDERMAN JOHN COLLINS MUHAMMAD**

6 An ordinance directing the Department of Public Safety, starting in 2018, to move  
7 the City of St. Louis' National Night Out from the first Tuesday of August to the first  
8 Tuesday of October.

9 WHEREAS, National Night Out was instituted in 1984 to generate support and  
10 participation in local anti-crime programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit and send a  
11 message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting  
12 back against crime; and

13 WHEREAS, the event is meant to increase awareness about police programs in  
14 communities, such as: drug prevention; town watch; neighborhood watch, and; other anti-  
15 crime efforts; and

16 WHEREAS, forty-eight states and Canada annually recognize National Night Out  
17 on the first Tuesday in August, but Texas and Florida moved their respective National  
18 Night Out to the first Tuesday in October to avoid extreme summer heat; and

19 WHEREAS, in addition to dangerous summer heat, the first Tuesday of August  
20 sometimes conflicts with the City of St. Louis' local elections and is a time that poses  
21 numerous hardships different neighborhood communities to hold this celebration on this  
22 date.

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1           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS**  
2 **FOLLOWS:**

3           **SECTION ONE.** Starting in 2018, and reoccurring annually, the Department of  
4 Public Safety shall organize and hold the City of St. Louis' National Night Out on the  
5 first Tuesday of October.

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