

Resolution Number 58
Dr. Christi Griffin

WHEREAS, the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, Inc., in cooperation with the St. Louis Community Empowerment Foundation has selected 16 distinguished women to be honored at the *Salute to Women in Leadership Gala* celebrated on Friday, June 20 held at the Renaissance Grand Hotel in downtown St. Louis, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, Inc. under the leadership of its President and CEO, Michael McMillan, strives to enhance the lives of individuals within the entire Metropolitan area of St. Louis and St. Clair County in Illinois by focusing on education, economic and housing development, senior programs, social services, and neighborhood stabilization and the recognitions of outstanding women who have demonstrated beyond the call of duty service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Christi Griffin is the recipient of *the Salute to Women in Leadership Civic Award* for her outstanding services as the Founder of The Ethics Project created to reduce wrongful prosecutions and convictions by educating the public about professional ethics that pertain to lawyers prosecutors judges and law enforcement officials; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Christi Griffin, through her keen insight and unparalleled dedication her organization addresses the impact of incarceration and injustice on children, families and the community which has gained her awards including the President's Call to Service Award, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Drum Major for Justice Award among others; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Christi Griffin is the author of 21 Days to Joy, A Daily Devotional to Find Joy and most recently Incarcerations in Black and White: The Subjugation of Black America; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Christi Griffin community involvement includes chair, St. Louis Civil Rights Enforcement Commission, Director of the Joint Boards of Health and Hospitals-City of St. Louis and she is the co-founder of the Coalition to Abolish the Prison Industrial Complex among many other initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis owes its greatness to the tireless efforts and lofty standards of leading women such as Dr. Christi Griffin, recipient of the Salute to Women in Leadership Civic Award for her career achievements demonstrating a dedicated, altruistic commitment to her fellow citizens.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Dr. Christi Griffin and we wish her continued success, achievement and accomplishment and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honorees at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 6th day of June, 2014 by:

Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward
Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen

Adopted this the 6th day of June, 2014 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen