

Resolution Number 69
Donna Knight

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, Donna Knight is the recipient of *the Salute to Women in Leadership Health & Safety Award* for her civic pride and volunteerism and believes in giving back to her community, as chairwoman of the Women’s Auxiliary for Heat-Up St. Louis (Cool Down St. Louis) and currently VP/Assistant Corporate Treasurer of the all-volunteer, 56 member diverse board of directors, she has been with the regional charity since its inception 14 years ago. The summer and winter charitable efforts include utility assistance, advocacy and public education which cover about 14 Missouri and Illinois counties including the City of St. Louis. At Heat-Up St. Louis (Cool Down St. Louis) Knight also serves as co-chair of the agency allocation committee, which doles out millions in utility grants, from public and private donations for those who are in threat of disconnection of utility services, especially the seniors and disabled people; and

WHEREAS, Donna Knight is the Executive Vice President of North County Surgical Services where she handles the day-to-day business operations of all medical and venture partnerships with her husband, Dr. James Knight, a nationally noted vascular surgeon. Knight also serves as President of Natural Bridge Professional Centre’s Partners, LLC. Knight also served with distinction for seven years, as a member of the Zoo Museum District board, where she was appointed in 2004. This district oversees over \$70 million tax dollars annually to support the Science Center, Botanical Gardens, History Museum, Art Museum and the St. Louis Zoo. In 2009, Knight was elected Chairman of the Board. She resigned to support her “favorite charity” Heat-Up St. Louis (Cool Down St. Louis).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Donna Knight 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