

Resolution Number 88
People's Community Action Corporation

WHEREAS, the Community Action agenda was created 50 year ago as a tool to reduce poverty through improved access to education, health care and job training to intervene in the longstanding cycle of poverty in America; and

WHEREAS, the task of improving health in the underserved neighborhoods of St. Louis has long been left to the professionals at Betty Jean Kerr People's Health Centers, which, for 40 years, have recognized the impact of socioeconomic stress on the health of our communities; and

WHEREAS, People's Health Centers has established a number of "community support" corporations to address broader community needs that directly impact neighborhood and family health—housing, counseling, food security, education and job attainment, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 the People's Community Action Corporation (PCAC), a newly established formed support agency, was selected by the Missouri Department of Social Services to continue the work of meeting the socioeconomic needs of the residents of St. Louis City and Wellston communities, to help further create an environment of greater community health and wellness; and

WHEREAS, on this day we recognize and congratulate PCAC on their success in creating collaborative partnership, in developing and administering targeted programs and strategies to significantly transform quality of life in underserved neighborhoods throughout the St. Louis region.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to celebrate 50 years of community action, the commitments and contributions of Betty Jean Kerr People's Health Centers and the important work of the People's Community Action Corporation. 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 presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 25th day of June, 2014 by:

Honorable President of the Board of Alderman Lewis E. Reed

Adopted this the 27th day of June, 2014 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen