

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 128  
HONORING LEAH DANIELS-BUTLER**

**WHEREAS**, the City of St. Louis Board of Aldermen pauses today to recognize and applaud the accomplishments and contributions of Leah Daniels-Butler; as a casting director and producer, she has been responsible for launching the careers of talented actors like Gaborey Sidebe, star of the Academy Award winning film “Precious; currently, Leah serves as Casting Director for television’s #1 show, “Empire”; and

**WHEREAS**, Leah Daniels-Butler began making a name for herself in the early ‘90’s working on TV & Film projects with legendary casting director and mentor Jaki Brown and Kimberly Hardin; under their leadership, she assisted in casting actor/recording star Tyrese Gibson in the ad that would launch his career; Leah’s work ethic and reputation “for getting the job done” quickly spread among black filmmakers and mainstream television space alike; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1994, Leah landed a coveted casting position as the assistant to Leslie Litt, Senior VP at Warner Brothers; within two years, Leah was working on award-winning projects like “Friends” and “Suddenly Susan”, both shows earning Emmy awards for acting roles; before leaving Warner Brothers, she also cast “The Wayans Brothers” and “For Your Love”, which received six NAACP Image Award nominations; and

**WHEREAS**, among her many accolades, Leah Daniels-Butler is the recipient of the Hamilton Award for Outstanding Casting for her work on “The Butler” and the Outstanding Achievement in Casting for a Television Drama award for her work on “Empire”; The Casting Society of America appointed Leah Daniels-Butler to its board of directors, where she serves as the only African- American member of the board; and

**WHEREAS**, when she is not busy shaping the many fictional characters international audiences have come to know and love, Leah dedicates her time helping shape the futures of real women in her community who are in need of second chances. Leah sits on the board of the A New Way to Life ReEntry Project, an organization that provides housing and support to formerly incarcerated women; and

**WHEREAS**, Leah Daniels- Butler is married to executive and producer Harry Butler Jr., and the couple both agree that their greatest accomplishments to date is their 27 years of marriage and raising 5 amazing children.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause to recognize Leah Daniels-Butler and to thank her for the many contributions she has made to the film industry and to acknowledge her talent in developing characters have touched millions of people throughout the world. 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 memorial copy to the end that it may be presented to the honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

**Introduced this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021 by:**  
**Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderwoman 19<sup>th</sup> Ward**  
**Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen**  
**The Honorable Sharon Tyus, Alderwoman 1<sup>st</sup> Ward**  
**The Honorable Lisa Middlebrook, Alderwoman 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward**  
**The Honorable Brandon Bosley, Alderman 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward**  
**The Honorable Dwindlerlin Evans, Alderwoman 4<sup>th</sup> Ward**  
**The Honorable James Page, Alderwoman 5<sup>th</sup> Ward**  
**The Honorable Christine Ingrassia, Alderwoman 6<sup>th</sup> Ward**  
**The Honorable John Coatar, Alderman 7<sup>th</sup> Ward**  
**The Honorable Annie Rice, Alderwoman 8<sup>th</sup> Ward**  
**The Honorable Dan Guenther, Alderman 9<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**The Honorable Joseph Vollmer, Alderman 10<sup>th</sup> Ward**  
**The Honorable Sarah Martin, Alderwoman 11<sup>th</sup> Ward**  
**The Honorable Bill Stephens, Alderwoman 12<sup>th</sup> Ward**  
**The Honorable Anne Schweitzer, Alderwoman 13<sup>th</sup> Ward**  
**The Honorable Carol Howard, Alderwoman 14<sup>th</sup> Ward**  
**The Honorable Megan E. Green, Alderwoman 15<sup>th</sup> Ward**  
**The Honorable Thomas Oldenburg, Alderman 16<sup>th</sup> Ward**  
**The Honorable Tina Pihl, Alderwoman 17<sup>th</sup> Ward**  
**The Honorable Jesse Todd, Alderman 18<sup>th</sup> Ward**  
**The Honorable Cara Spencer, Alderwoman 20<sup>th</sup> Ward**  
**The Honorable John Muhammad, Alderman 21<sup>st</sup> Ward**  
**The Honorable Jeffrey Boyd, Alderman 22<sup>nd</sup> Ward**  
**The Honorable Joseph Vaccaro, Alderman 23<sup>rd</sup> Ward**  
**The Honorable Bret Narayan, Alderman 24<sup>th</sup> Ward**  
**The Honorable Shane Cohn, Alderman 25<sup>th</sup> Ward**  
**The Honorable Shameem Clark Hubbard, Alderwoman 26<sup>th</sup> Ward**  
**The Honorable Pamela Boyd, Alderwoman 27<sup>th</sup> Ward**  
**The Honorable Heather Navarro, Alderwoman 28<sup>th</sup> Ward**

Adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021as attested by

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**Terry Kennedy**  
**Clerk, Board of Aldermen**

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**Lewis E. Reed**  
**President, Board of Aldermen**