

RESOLUTION NUMBER 6
HONROING NATIONAL LOYALTY DAY

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that President Dwight D. Eisenhower proclaimed May 1, 1959, the first official observance of Loyalty Day; and

WHEREAS, on July 18, 1958, U.S. Congress (Public Law 85-529) made the day an official holiday and it is listed among other "patriotic and national observances" including Mother's Day, Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month and more; and

WHEREAS, Loyalty Day is a special day for the reaffirmation of loyalty to the United States and for the recognition of the heritage of American freedom; and

WHEREAS, the President is requested to issue a proclamation (1) calling on United States Government officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on Loyalty Day and (2) inviting the people of the United States to observe Loyalty Day with appropriate ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, each year since its inception as a legal holiday in 1958, every President has recognized the day with an official proclamation.; and

WHEREAS, memorable statements written by various American Presidents includes the following:

"This Loyalty Day, let us remember that what defines us as one American people is our dedication to common ideals -- rather than similarities of origin or creed -- and let us reaffirm that embracing this truth lies at the heart of what it means to be a citizen." ---**Barack Obama's Presidential Proclamation on Loyalty Day, 2016**

"For nearly 30 years, Americans have celebrated May 1 as Loyalty Day. This is a day to reaffirm our loyalty to our land of liberty and to recall with pride and gratitude the generations of our countrymen who preserved our freedom by their loyalty to America" --**Ronald Reagan's Presidential Proclamation on Loyalty Day, 1987**

"Dedication, devotion, and loyalty to our country and to the free democratic precepts upon which it was founded has always been a cherished tradition with our people--from our Founding Fathers to our servicemen now serving in the far-flung corners of the world." -- **President John F. Kennedy's Proclamation on Loyalty Day, 1963**

WHEREAS, St. Louis groups including the Princeton Heights neighborhood, the Holly Hills neighborhood and various VFW posts in and around the city (including St. Louis county) have historically celebrated Loyalty Day with events, speakers and parades; and

WHEREAS, National Loyalty Day also kicks off "National Military Appreciation Month."

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to remember and honor National Loyalty Day and those local organizations sponsoring activities. 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 for presentation at a time and place and to those deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 30th day of April 2021 by:

The Honorable Carol Howard, Alderwoman 14th Ward

The Honorable Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Alderman 26th Ward

The Honorable Pamela Boyd, Alderwoman 27th Ward

Adopted 30th day of April 2021 as attested by:

Terry Kennedy
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen