

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 114
HONORING “MISS MISSOURI” JOYE FORREST**

WHEREAS, we pause today in our deliberations to recognize and congratulate Joye Forrest winner of the Miss Missouri Pageant in May 2021; we wish her luck as she represents Missouri in the upcoming Miss USA Pageant; and

WHEREAS, Joye Forrest was born in St. Louis, Missouri on November 29th, 1995, to Jeffrey and Sheila Forrest; Joye is the proud granddaughter of Russ Little, Sr., Founder of Afro World Hair and Fashion Company; and

WHEREAS, Joye loves to perform and has been dancing since the age of three; she followed her dream, receiving the Sharon Disney Land scholarship, named for Walt Disney’s daughter, and graduated with honors, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree from the California Institute of the Arts, a top tier arts school; and

WHEREAS, Joye Forrest has traveled to nine countries teaching dance and experiencing the world; in Ghana she served an African orphan, she appeared in commercials, including her recent commercial directed by Solange Knowles; Joye has been featured in countless music videos and also danced professionally as a Laker Girl for the Los Angeles Lakers; and

WHEREAS, currently, Joye Forrest is teaching Dance, Rhythmic Gymnastics, and Cheer while studying for her Doctorate in Chiropractic treatment; she is the brand ambassador for The Salvation Army, COCA (Center for Creative Arts), Afro World and Warriors of Ross; and

WHEREAS, Joye Forrest was the first African American, Miss Teen Missouri USA in 2017 and is the second African American Miss Missouri USA 2021. Joye Forrest is a role model for our youth, she has been a featured speaker at countless schools, churches, and social events—building self-esteem, breaking racial barriers and always “Sharing Joy.”

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause to recognize and applaud Joye Forrest for winning the Miss Missouri Pageant and we wish her well as she represents the State of Missouri for the Miss USA Pageant in November. 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 at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 22nd day of October, 2021 by:

The Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward

The Honorable Shameem Clark Hubbard, Alderwoman 26th Ward

The Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen

Adopted this 22nd day of October, 2021 as attested by:

Terry Kennedy
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen