

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 117**  
**RECOGNIZING THE CULTURAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE LONDON TEA ROOM**

**WHEREAS**, Alan and Pat Richardson first moved their family to the United States from England in the 1980s in order to pursue their own American Dream of becoming premier and foremost purveyors of tea; and

**WHEREAS**, Alan and Pat helped in revitalizing the Souldard neighborhood in the 1990s and expanding into European furniture import in the 2000s before resolving to introduce St. Louisians across the region to British tea culture; and

**WHEREAS**, in pursuit of this goal established the London Tea Room replete with courses on tea varieties, preparation, and storage, in addition to the broadest selection of international teas and the only proper tea time per British custom in the region; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2022 their daughter Jackie James assumed ownership of not only the family business but its continued dedication to the vibrant cultural diversity in the City of St. Louis by expanding into the Downtown West neighborhood in October, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. James once personally assisted the Alderman of the 12th Ward in baking a proper Victoria Sandwich cake in preparation for his 27th birthday after his own failed attempt, cementing the Victoria Sandwich cake as his annual tradition; and

**WHEREAS**, through their work the citizens of St. Louis might now know how to make a proper British cuppa, partake in afternoon tea, and have their own British Bake-Offs.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IS RESOLVED** by this Honorable Board of Aldermen that we pause in our deliberations to acknowledge the cultural contributions of The London Tea Room to the City of St. Louis, and extend our greatest wishes for their continued success as they expand their business. 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 and to those deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

**Introduced on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022 by:**  
**The Honorable Bill Stephens, Alderman 12<sup>th</sup> Ward**  
**The Honorable Megan Ellyia Green, Alderwoman 15<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**Adopted the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022 as attested by:**

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

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**Joseph Vollmer**  
**President, Board of Aldermen**