

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 15
HONORING DR. DJIBRIL DIALLO**

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that Dr. Djibril Diallo, president and CEO of the African Renaissance and Diaspora Network (ARDN), has been named the commencement speaker for Webster University's 103rd Commencement to be held May 13-14, 2022; and

WHEREAS, a citizen of Senegal, Diallo holds a Ph.D in Linguistics, Education and Communications from the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, as well as certificates from University of Nottingham and a degree in modern languages and education from University of Dakar, Senegal; and

WHEREAS, during the commencement weekend, Webster University will award him an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Diallo has a distinguished career in international relations, diplomacy and human development, particularly in advocacy for issues affecting the African continent and victims of the AIDS epidemic. He has served a variety of leading international nongovernmental organizations; and

WHEREAS, before assuming leadership of ARDN in 2018, he served as the Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS' regional director for Western and Central Africa, as director of the United Nations New York Office of Sport for Development and Peace, as director of communications for United Nations Development Program and as special adviser to the executive director of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund; and

WHEREAS, as chief executive of ARDN, Diallo leads the organization's "Pathway to Solutions" initiative, which aims to popularize the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals and to increase public understanding of the role and functions of the UN; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis, Senegal is a Sister City to the City of St. Louis, Missouri sharing many similarities and cultural connections; and

WHEREAS, Webster University and ARDN first signed an MOU in 2017 which launched a partnership that strengthens intergenerational leadership among women and youth across the diaspora to achieve a just and sustainable world for all. In 2020, ARDN and Webster University together advanced ARDN's Red Card Campaign with a focus on SDG #5, gender equality; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Diallo has spent his career encouraging young people, advocating for international human rights, and building partnerships and networks that focus on the need for all of us to engage the world's most critical issues and challenges.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate Dr. Djibril Diallo for his many achievements to the betterment of humanity and commend Webster University for having him as their 103rd Commencement Speaker. 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 to him at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

**Introduced this 29th day of April, 2022 by:
The Honorable Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Alderwoman 26th Ward**

Adopted this 29th day of April, 2022 as attested by:

**Terry Kennedy
Clerk, Board of Aldermen**

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