

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 152  
HONORING CARLA “MEKHAT” MOORE**

**WHEREAS**, Carla "Mekhat" Moore was born in St. Louis on October 21st, 1966 to Newell and Beverly Moore and is celebrated as an Internationally recognized natural hair icon, Master Stylist, Fashion Designer, Businesswoman, and owner of “Napps” Natural Hair Salon, and Afro Blu Boutique; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1992, Mekhat employed and trained hundreds of stylists and barbers to understand the varying types of black hair textures and how to properly care for people who descend from the African diaspora which helped to change the industry's approach to Black Hair Care; and

**WHEREAS**, Mekhat is recognized for founding the first Black-owned beauty salon in St. Louis which specialized in natural haircare for people of color while trendsetting Afrocentric clothing, hairstyles, and other African-centered products that celebrate African culture; and

**WHEREAS**, Mekhat created natural hair and skin care products revolutionizing hair and skin services for people of color within the St. Louis area and beyond; and

**WHEREAS**, Mekhat transcended this Earthly plane on October 19th, 2023 a proud mother of Son Montu, daughters Fulani (James Hudson) Khammerit, and grandson Sire Hudson. A loving sister to Newell Jr, Kelly, Kimberly, and many other family, friends, and community who honor her rich legacy; and

**WHEREAS**, Mekhat was more than a business owner, she is honored as a St. Louis community leader who opened her doors to provide inclusivity to all people and transformed the standards of beauty to represent cultural pride and relevance to people of African descent.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause to honor, reflect, and celebrate the life and legacy of Carla “Mekhat” Moore. 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 the honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

**Introduced this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023 by:  
The Honorable Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Alderwoman 10<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**Adopted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023 as attested by:**

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**Terry Kennedy  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen**

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**Megan Green  
President, Board of Aldermen**