

RESOLUTION NUMBER 5
HONORING THE URBAN LEAGUE OF METROPOLITAN ST. LOUIS, INC. WOMEN’S BUSINESS CENTER (WBC)

WHEREAS, the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, Inc. Women’s Business Center (WBC), formerly Grace Hill Women’s Business Center was founded in 1999 as an economic development initiative within Grace Hill Settlement House; and

WHEREAS, it is a public/private partnership with the U.S. Small Business Administration and is dedicated to providing micro-business development for aspiring entrepreneurs, with a primary focus on minority women in the community. Partnering with other institutions and community organizations, the Center is able to offer a variety of programs and services to further individuals’ aims of entrepreneurship; and

WHEREAS, the WBC offers comprehensive services to support all stages of entrepreneurship, 1:1 business counseling, where new business owners can vet their ideas, and seminars/speaker series; and

WHEREAS, the WBC’s parent organization, the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, Inc., works in partnership with neighbors and stakeholders to identify the social and economic challenges in North and South St. Louis, and establish families and communities that are strong and self-sustaining; and

WHEREAS, the Urban League serves more than 100,000 clients each year in St. Louis and the Metro East through a multitude of services including Head Start/Early Head Start, workforce development, housing assistance, utility assistance, and employment services; and

WHEREAS, the Women’s Business Center is central to the Urban League’s mission, which is to develop the skills of residents, and to create opportunities for their personal advancement and for the economic well-being of their community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the many accomplishments and contributions of the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, Inc. Women’s Business Center (WBC). 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 29th day of April, 2022 by:
Honorable John Collins-Muhammad, Alderman 21st Ward

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

Terry Kennedy
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen