

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 63
HONORING ALVIN WILLIS**

WHEREAS, this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis has been apprised that of the many achievements and the recent passing of Mr. Alvin Willis long time Lewis Place resident and Chair of the Lewis Place Improvement Association; and

WHEREAS, Alvin Willis, a native of New Orleans LA, came to St. Louis as a young adult; and

WHEREAS, he raised his three children with his devoted wife Leah in the city of St. Louis where he worked to improve the quality of life in his neighborhood and beyond; and

WHEREAS, he worked for many years for the Bell Telephone Company and later retired from this company; and

WHEREAS, retirement gave Alvin more time to get involved and contribute to community affairs. As a retiree he was a recognized community activist working consistently to improve the St. Louis community; and

WHEREAS, as a long-time president of the Lewis Place Improvement Association, he worked with the Mayors, Aldermen, Committeemen, Neighbor Stabilization Offers, police Liaisons and many others to maximize accessing city services and information; and

WHEREAS, Alvin also participated in other local and regional organizations all designed to increase community engagement and safe desirable neighborhoods. He was often seen at community meetings working, sharing ideas and interacting with other residents; and

WHEREAS, his deep concern for our community lead him to leadership on many efforts and always busy working to make thing better; and

WHEREAS, he was a member of the St. Louis Association of Community Organizations (SLACO) Board of directors. As a board member he worked to address many issues including the several ballot initiatives and the Neighborhoods United for Change project. Alvin was an anchor in the St. Louis community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the many contributions and dedicated service of Mr. Alvin Wills and by adoption of this Resolution send our condolences to his family and wish to join in with all of those celebrating his life and achievements. 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 this 13th day of July, 2022 by:
The Honorable Jesse Todd, Alderman 18th Ward**

Adopted this 13th day of July, 2022 as attested by:

**Terry Kennedy
Clerk, Board of Aldermen**

**Joseph Vollmer
President, Board of Aldermen**