

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 9
HONORING NEVEEN AYESH**

WHEREAS, the observance of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, it is befitting that we honor Neveen Ayesh and express our pride and appreciation to her for her personal achievements, numerous community contributions and commitments to the City of Saint Louis and commend her as a member of the Muslim communities in the Saint Louis Metropolitan Area for the lasting positive impact she has made, and continue to make; and

WHEREAS, the Saint Louis Metropolitan Area has one of the highest concentrations of Muslims in the nation, and is enriched by the unparalleled diversity of its residents, the City of Saint Louis takes great pride in supporting individual religious freedoms and is strengthened by the many varied religious, political, and cultural traditions of its diverse population, including those Americans who practice Islam; and

WHEREAS, The history of Islam in this country dates back to before its founding, originating with African slaves who brought their Muslim beliefs with them to the Americas and who later contributed in numerous ways to the founding of the nation, and there are today millions of Muslim Americans, both immigrant and native-born, of diverse backgrounds and beliefs; and

WHEREAS, Muslim small business owners, community organizers, and religious organizations have enriched the Saint Louis Community and has contributed towards dispelling stereotypes, misunderstanding and misconceptions towards Islam and Muslims bringing people together to live with a better understanding and living in peace and harmony; and

WHEREAS, Ramadan, the ninth month of the Muslim calendar year, is a time of introspection and spiritual renewal for Muslims worldwide. During the month of Ramadan, Muslims are to:

- Fast, from sunrise to sundown;
- Keep up prayer;
- Recite the entirety of the Holy Al-Quran;
- Intensify efforts in the remembrance of Allah; and
- Perform charity, etc.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Saint Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and honor Neveen Ayesh and we direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and direct the clerk to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

**Introduced this 29th day of April, 2022 by:
The 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**