

**Resolution Number 5**  
**8<sup>th</sup> District Police Department- The End of an Era**

**WHEREAS**, we seek to honor and express our deep appreciation to the men and women of the Eighth District Police Department whose operation concluded on January 27, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the Eighth District was first established in 1900 and was commanded by Captain Peter Joyce and patrolled by 93 officers; and

**WHEREAS**, its first house was located at 2827 Manchester, then moved to 2801 Laclede in 1908; in 1939 the house was combined with adjacent districts, but was re-established in 1962 with a station house at 1430 Deer Street and by 1990 they headquartered at the North Patrol Station at 4014 Union; and

**WHEREAS**, the Eighth District has made history on several occasions including the 1962 promotion of Edward Bolden, the first African American to command the Eighth; and from 1968-1980, now retired, Major James Reddick commanded the district for a period of twelve years before being promoted; and

**WHEREAS**, the Eighth District was commanded by 32 Captains, two being females; now retired Lt. Col. Antoinette Filla was the first female captain appointed to that position and current Major Rochelle Jones was the first and only to command the District twice, first from 2007-2009 and again from 2012-2013 before being promoted; and

**WHEREAS**, the Eighth District was more than a team, it was a family; and while the district was smaller than most, the problems were, in many ways, much larger and more complex. Officers built relationships in Lewis Place and resolved conflicts in the Ville; they kept the kids safe in Handy, Terry, and Beckett Park, and they did so with pride, with a commitment to making the neighborhoods strong and their residents secure; and

**WHEREAS**, on its final day of operation, the Eighth District was commanded by Captain John Hayden and policed by 73 officers, including Sergeants and Lieutenants, who are to be commended for their years of service to the City of St. Louis.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we join with the St. Louis community in honoring and thanking the officers of the Eighth District, past and present, for their hard work and dedication to the district. 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 our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015 by:

**Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18<sup>th</sup> Ward**

**Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen**

Adopted this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015 as attested by

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David W. Sweeney  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen