

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 60**  
**Reverend Traci Blackmon**

**WHEREAS**, the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, Inc. has selected 14 distinguished women to be honored at the *Salute to Women in Leadership Gala* celebrated on Friday, June 19 held at the Renaissance Grand Hotel in downtown St. Louis, Missouri; and

**WHEREAS**, the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, Inc., under the leadership of its President and CEO, Michael McMillan, strives to enhance the lives of individuals within the entire Metropolitan area of St. Louis and St. Clair County in Illinois by focusing on education, economic and housing development, senior programs, social services, and neighborhood stabilization and the recognitions of outstanding women who have demonstrated beyond the call of duty service to the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Reverend Traci Blackmon is the recipient of *the Salute to Women in Leadership Civic Award* for her community outreach efforts in health care, social justice, youth development and empowerment as well as empowers women to move out of work on the streets and seek a new path in life; and

**WHEREAS**, Reverend Traci Blackmon is a community advocate and Rev. of both the African Methodist Episcopal Church and the United Church of Christ the King as well as being employed as the Coordinator of faith-based initiatives for BJC HealthCare and as a senior consultant with The Praxis Group, LLC; and

**WHEREAS**, Reverend Traci Blackmon obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Birmingham-Southern College and a Master of Divinity degree, with a coursework emphasis in Womanist Liberation Theology, from Eden Theological Seminary; and

**WHEREAS**, Reverend Traci Blackmon is a graduate of Leadership St. Louis, and her board experiences include: St. Louis Effort for AIDS; The Kidney Foundation; St. Louis Minority Business Council; Planned Parenthood St. Louis; Magdalene House St. Louis; and The St. Louis Black Rep.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Reverend Traci Blackmon as the Salute to Women in Leadership Civic Honoree and we wish our honoree continued success, achievement and accomplishment and 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 honorees at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 19th day of June, 2015 by:

**Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderman 19th Ward**

Adopted this the 19th day of June, 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