

RESOLUTION 63
PrideFest 2018

WHEREAS, the St. Louis Board of Aldermen recognizes the occasion of a most significant annual event, *PrideFest 2018* and acknowledges the dedication of Pride St. Louis, Inc. for more than 30 years of raising awareness, understanding and acceptance of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals in our community; and

WHEREAS, this year’s theme for the festival and parade is “Pridefest: Remember, Rise, and Respect”, accentuated by the parade’s grand marshal, Angelica Ross, an amazing woman, actress, and activist; and

WHEREAS, the St. Louis Lesbian & Gay Pride Celebration Committee was born in 1979; the first St. Louis Gay and Lesbian Pride Celebration occurred in 1980; the event was sponsored by the Magnolia Committee – named for the street where the majority of the members lived and had their meetings; and

WHEREAS, the combined effort with a second organization resulted in a week worth of activities held in April of 1980; at the end of the week, hundreds gathered for, “The Lesbians and Gays Walk for Charity,” which began on Lindell Boulevard in the Central West End and ended at Washington University’s quadrangle; the two combined groups then became the St. Louis Lesbian & Gay Pride Celebration Committee; and began a tradition which is still strong today in St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, June is now known as Gay and Lesbian Pride Month; since the first PrideFest in 1981, the event has grown in size, attendance and scope; PrideFest allows people to feel proud of who they are and provides people with a safe place to be who they wish to be.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to applaud Pride St. Louis, Inc. for PrideFest 2018 and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to include a copy of this Resolution in the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy for presentation at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 22nd day of June, 2018 by:

The Honorable Shane Cohn, Alderman 25th Ward
The Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen

Adopted this 22nd day of June, 2018 as attested by:

Louis C. Galli
Legal Counsel, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen