

**Resolution Number 70**  
**St. Louis Trotters**

**WHEREAS**, the St. Louis Trotters are a semi-professional men's basketball team who compete in the Independent Basketball Association (IBA); the franchise has history as far back as the 1970's, the Trotters officially joined the IBA in 2012 under new ownership; and

**WHEREAS**, the team's mission is to have loyalty, dignity and compassion for the game, to compete at the highest level, to empower and inspire young learners through education, practical experience, and training as innovative thinkers throughout the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Louis Trotters Semi-Professional Basketball Team will become a conduit for players to achieve great professional experience and meet personal career goals, foreign and domestic, by playing professional basketball; and

**WHEREAS**, the Trotters ensure that each member of the organization, from the front office to the back court, is actively involved in community programs holding to the belief that in order to get we have to give back first; and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Louis Trotters know the importance of upholding the highest standards on and off the court-and they play to be the most competitive team on the floor on any given night; and

**WHEREAS**, we now congratulate the 2015 St. Louis Trotters on their recent championship victory at Wohl Center in St. Louis, Missouri; on the first day, Round One of the semi-final playoffs, the Trotters defeated the Grand Rapids Fusion by a score of 123-76 propelling them to a berth in the IBA Finals; and

**WHEREAS**, on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015, the St. Louis Trotters defeated six time IBA champions, the Kankakee Soldiers, when they persevered through stiff competition and defeated the Soldiers 100-85.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize, applaud, and congratulate the St. Louis Trotters basketball team and organization not only on their first ever IBA Championship title, but for their commitment to give back to the St. Louis community. 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 presented to our honorees at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 26th day of June, 2015 by:

**Honorable Chris Carter, Alderman 27<sup>th</sup> Ward**  
**Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen**

Adopted this the 26th 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