

**RESOLUTION NO. 98**  
**Antionette Cousins**

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Antionette Cousins is a native St. Louisan, born and raised in the community she serves; she has been married for 15 years to her college sweetheart, Captain Ryan Cousins and is the mother to a son, Ryan, and daughter, Addison; and

**WHEREAS**, she attended Fontbonne University-St. Louis, Missouri where she received her Master of Business Administration in Nonprofit Management in May 2016; she also received her Master of Science in Human Resources Management & Development from National Louis University and a Bachelors of Science in Social Work from Central Missouri State University; she is proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, in June 2002 Mrs. Cousins began her journey with Riverview West Florissant Development Corporation with the Late Alderman Gregory J Carter; since then she has developed over 75 units of new and rehab housing; and

**WHEREAS**, she created and implemented several programs in the 2nd, 3rd, and 27th Wards to include the original TMAP nuisance program, the original Beautification Lawn Care program for seniors and disabled residents and the Handyman/Critical Property Repair home repair program; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Cousins reestablished the Baden Enrichment STEM Center which serves as an afterschool program located at Our Lady of the Holy Cross Church, where neighborhood children have a safe environment to learn to prepare meals, use a state of the art computer lab, learn to grow their own vegetables in the Baden Community Garden, and participate in a summer camp during summer vacation; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Cousins, an Affton High School alumni, was inducted to the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame in 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Cousin is currently serving as Executive Director of AMIkids St. Louis at Beaumont High School assisting students with academic programming, treatment programs and giving them the love, encouragement and support they need to become productive students; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Cousins for many years as a member of St. Louis Family Church in Chesterfield, has organized, along with hundreds of fellow church members, volunteer neighborhood residents, police and politicians, to deliver thousands of grocery bags at Christmas during the "Love Thy Neighborhood event."

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the many contributions of Mrs. Antionette Cousins and wish her a Happy Retirement from Riverview West Florissant Development Corporation. 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 14th day of July, 2017, by:

**The Honorable Dionne Flowers, Alderwoman 2nd Ward**

Adopted this 14th day of July, 2017, as attested by:

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Donna Evans-Booker  
Assistant Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen