

RESOLUTION 111
UNIVERSOUL CIRCUS 24th YEAR ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis Board of Aldermen congratulates Cedric Walker on 24 years of the UniverSoul Circus; and

WHEREAS, Walker was born in Baltimore, Maryland where his entrepreneur spirit started at the young age of 6; Walker was bitten by the entertainment bug in the early 70's, when he moved to Tuskegee to live with his uncle, a nightclub owner; and

WHEREAS, in the 1980's, he organized the world's first rap music tour featuring Run-D.M.C., Salt-n-Pepa and The Fat Boys. In the early 1990's he underwrote and helped produce gospel plays: "Wicked Ways" and "A Good Man is Hard to Find"; and

WHEREAS, Walker and his associates began to look for new forms of family entertainment; his vision was to explore talents other than singing and dancing; talents that black performers had to offer. The vision led him to create UniverSoul Circus; and

WHEREAS, The UniverSoul Circus was founded in 1994; the production currently has 75 performers and 12 acts. The circus is headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia. By 1997 the circus tour grew from 10 cities to 19 cities in 1999, 31 cities in 2000, and 32 cities in 2005. A tour of South Africa became the first international destination and was completed in 2001; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis again welcomes the UniverSoul Circus from August 24, 2017 through September 4, 2017.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen for the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize UniverSoul Circus. We furthermore direct the Clerk of this Board to prepare a commemorative copy of this resolution to the end that it may be presented to our honorees at a time and place deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

Introduced on the 24th day of August, 2017 by:

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

Adopted this 24th day of August, 2017 as attested by:

Board of Aldermen
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Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen