

## RESOLUTION NO 127

**WHEREAS**, The 2018 Neighborhood Leadership Fellows Program (NLF) is a nine month advanced leadership-training program for Community and Potential Community Leaders created as an extension of **Creating Whole Communities** (a collaboration of the University of Missouri St. Louis and MU Extension) and the **St. Louis Promise Zone-St. Louis Economic Development Partnership**; and

**WHEREAS**, The mission of Neighborhood Leadership Fellows (NLF) is to increase and amplify the voices of North St. Louis City and County residents at the civic decision-making tables in order to produce more equitable regional policies for neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, Twenty-three (23) Fellows, eleven from St. Louis City and twelve from St. Louis County, were selected from neighborhoods within the St. Louis Promise Zone due to the well-documented need for more targeted investment. The NLF provided hands-on training emphasizing Educational Workshops, Tactical Training, Positional Power Training, Collaborative Learning, and Mentoring and Networking ; and

**WHEREAS**, The pilot program began January 2018 and has continued for nine months until the NLF Graduation which will be held on Saturday, September 15, 2018, at Central Print, located in the Old North St. Louis neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, As a result of the training, the Fellows have begun serving on regional and local boards and commissions; running for elected office (with one Fellow winning his race for State Representative); and working in teams to develop solutions to the issues facing the North St. Louis region; and

**WHEREAS**. Undertaking the gargantuan task of training and guiding Neighborhood Leaders and potential Neighborhood Leaders to take their places at the proverbial St. Louis Leadership Roundtable requires a special skill set from people who not only have leadership skill but who also understand how to train and extract those skill from potential Neighborhood Leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, Claire Wolff is the Director and Community Specialist of the Neighborhood Leadership Academy at the University of Missouri Extension and as such in this role she develops community partnership initiatives that link university resources with the needs and priorities of communities by working on a variety of topics including capacity building, leadership development, and healthy community initiative, is one of the two co-facilitators of the Neighborhood Leadership Fellows (NLF) Program. In her capacity as co-facilitator, Claire has use her vast array of leadership, mentoring, and teaching skills to help guide the pilot program and the Leadership Fellows to their graduation ceremony on Saturday, September 15, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Aldermen for the City of St. Louis wishes to acknowledge the enormous inspirational and influential impact Claire Wolff has had on the pilot NLF program and on the first graduating class of the 2018 NFL Program. The Board wishes to further acknowledge the potential and significant impact she will have on this group and future groups of trained Community and Potential Community Leaders in shaping the future of not only North St. Louis City and County but on the entire St. Louis Metropolitan Area.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Members of this Honorable Board of Aldermen join the sponsor of this resolution in expressing gratitude and congratulations to Claire Wolff on her successful mentoring and leadership in the pilot 2018 Neighborhood Leaders Fellows Program and instruct the Clerk of this Honorable Board of Aldermen to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution to present to Claire Wolff at the appropriate time and place deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

Introduced on this 14<sup>th</sup> Day of September 2018 by:  
The Honorable Sharon Tyus, Alderwoman 1st Ward  
The Honorable Samuel Moore, Alderman 4<sup>th</sup> Ward  
The Honorable Dan Guenther, Alderman 9<sup>th</sup> Ward

