

**RESOLUTION 134**  
**Calle Cherokee**

**WHEREAS**, in honor of over 40 years of the Hispanic/Latino cultural and economic contributions to the revitalization of Cherokee Street and the surrounding neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, Cherokee Street is home to the largest concentration of Hispanic/Latino owned and operated bakeries, restaurants, shops and grocers in St. Louis City; and

**WHEREAS**, Cherokee Street is one of the most proudly diverse business districts in the city of St. Louis and a pillar of the revival of South City; and

**WHEREAS**, Cherokee Street is a vibrant corridor for commerce, culture and creativity in South St. Louis- bringing together art, social enterprise and entrepreneurship all within a historical commercial district, surrounded by four distinct neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hispanic population in the neighborhoods immediately surrounding Cherokee (Benton Park West, Gravois Park and Dutchtown, have collectively seen a steady increase from 438 Hispanic residents in the year 1990, to more than 2000 Hispanic residents in the year 2015 – a 357 percentage change and growing; and

**WHEREAS**, Cherokee Street is home to the largest Cinco de Mayo celebration in the region, attracting as many as 50,000 visitors every year in celebration of the street’s Hispanic heritage, the arts and its multi-cultural residents; and

**WHEREAS**, every year Cherokee Street is home to the largest Mexican Independence festival in the region (Fiestas Patrias), attracting as many as 35,000 visitors every year in celebration of the street’s Hispanic heritage, the arts and its multi-cultural residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the neighborhoods surrounding Cherokee Street have the largest concentration of Hispanics in the City of St. Louis (16.9 percent); and

**WHEREAS**, la Ciudad de St. Louis y sus representantes se sienten orgullosos y agradecidos con toda la comunidad hispana/latina de la Calle Cherokee y en toda el área metropolitana.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, on behalf of the entire citizenry of the City of St. Louis, we hereby pause in our deliberations to celebrate and commemorate the contributions of all residents and business owners of Hispanic/Latino descent and recognize the importance of promoting and preserving that heritage through an honorary designation of Cherokee Street as, “Calle Cherokee” and 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 honorees at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 17th day of September, 2017 by:

**The Honorable Cara Spencer, Alderwoman 20th Ward**  
**The Honorable Dan Guenther, Alderman 9th Ward**  
**The Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen**

Adopted this 17th day of September, 2017 as attested by:

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*Lewis E. Reed*  
President, Board of Aldermen