

RESOLUTION NUMBER 141
Frieda Smith

WHEREAS, Frieda Smith is moving on from her position as Senior Director, Education Programs and Gallery Experience, at the St. Louis Science Center after 16 years of devoted service; where she was responsible for ensuring that research and evaluation, off-site programs, camps/camp-ins, and adult programs met and complemented organizational goals and objectives; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith mentored hundreds of employees and volunteers in achieving their career goals; always treating each one as the most important person at the St. Louis Science Center; Ms. Smith is beloved by all whose lives she has touched and has always acted with grace and dignity in her managerial role; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith was also responsible for all elements of school relationships, and key Science Center educator programs, recognitions, and events, such as the Educator Open House, Math and Science Fairs, and the Shining Star Award; Ms. Smith raised the Science Center's relationships with schools and school districts to a new level and increased contract revenue from \$24,000 to more than \$250,000 in less than four years; and

WHEREAS, she previously served as the Assistant Director of Development for the YWCA Metropolitan St. Louis, and the Director of Public Relations and a member of the Adjunct Faculty at Blackburn College in Carlinville, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith is a founding member of the Diversity Awareness Partnership, where she served on the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee and most recently had the distinction of having the Partnership's highest level of giving named in her honor, the Frieda Smith Giving Circle; her commitment to diversity stretches from the Diversity Awareness Partnership and the St. Louis Science Center to PROMO, the Human Rights Campaign, and the American Red Cross, where she was a consultant in diversity management; and

WHEREAS, in addition, she was the American Red Cross Bi-State Chapter's Manager of Volunteer Services and a diversity facilitator for World of Difference; her devotion to the Girl Scouts led to service as a camp director, a field executive, and in neighborhood support; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith has a Masters of Arts degree in Organizational Communication from Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, and is the proud mother of two adult children, Randall and Veronica, the grandmother of four beautiful and brilliant grandchildren, and partner of Susan Block and a friend to many in her large extended family of origin and choice; and

WHEREAS, she exudes a contagious positivity, and her leadership as Vice-Moderator of the Metropolitan Community Church of Greater St. Louis was marked by great professionalism and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith is a superb educator, loving to teach and learn, at local and national science museum conferences and has been active on the education team for the Zoo Museum District where she is well respected. She is a tremendous photographer, avid traveler and great listener. If you are fortunate enough to be her friend, you will receive the highest level of loyalty and confidence. She will be sorely missed by all at the St. Louis Science Center as she moves on to greater adventure and life experiences.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we happily pause in our deliberations to recognize and congratulate Frieda Smith on her years of service at the St. Louis Science Center and to our community and further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the permanent rolls of this Board and to prepare a commemorative copy of this Resolution to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 4th day of December, 2015 by:

Honorable Shane Cohn, Alderman 25th Ward.

Adopted this the 4th day of December, 2015 as attested by:

Donna Evans-Booker
Assistant Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen