

**RESOLUTION 144**  
**STEVE SMITH**

**WHEREAS**, Steve Smith, CEO of Lawrence Group, has been an outstanding model for architecture, design and innovation in St. Louis, and especially in Grand Center Arts District. This year, at the 2018 Grand Center gala, One Thousand and One Art Filled Nights, Steve Smith will be honored for his many contributions to the District and throughout the St. Louis region; and

**WHEREAS**, on the long list of Grand Center properties that found new life through Steve's leadership are Hotel Ignacio, The Moto Museum and Moto Europa, Triumph Grill, the Harold & Dorothy Steward Center for Jazz, and the Sun Theatre and Carter Carburetor office complex, now home to the Grand Center Arts Academy; and

**WHEREAS**, this fall we look forward to the grand opening of the next of these extraordinary achievements, the Angad Arts Hotel in the former Missouri Theatre Building; and

**WHEREAS**, through Steve's leadership, Lawrence Group has spearheaded the era of ongoing redevelopment and citywide improvements in St. Louis; and

**WHEREAS**, since its founding in 1983, Lawrence Group has established itself as the premier Architecture and Design Company with over 160 employees in four offices located in Austin, Texas; Charlotte, North Carolina; New York City; and its corporate headquarters in St. Louis, Missouri; and

**WHEREAS**, Steve Smith's acclaimed work has helped transform Grand Center Arts District as a landmark destination for arts and culture organizations, and creative entrepreneurs and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of Steve's many years of passionate community development and Lawrence Group's role in making the District what it is today, Grand Center Inc. was pleased to honor Steve Smith with the 2018 Grand Center Award on Friday, September 28, 2018.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to thank and honor Steve Smith for his contributions to the City of St. Louis, 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 honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018 by:

**The Honorable Marlene E. Davis, Alderwoman 19<sup>th</sup> Ward**

Adopted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018 as attested by:

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Louis C. Galli  
Legal Counsel, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen