

RESOLUTION NO. 157
Kimberly Steward
K Period Media

WHEREAS, St. Louis native Kimberly Steward is an entrepreneur, philanthropist and film producer who has, at a young age, made a name for herself and her company K Period Media in Hollywood; and

WHEREAS, Steward formed K Period Media in 2013 as a production and film finance company focused on story-driven, commercially viable and thought-provoking content and began releasing documentaries like Opposite Fields, Through a Lens Darkly: Black Photographers and the Emergence of a People and the forthcoming Looking for Terry; and

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2016 Steward, along with co-producers Matt Damon, Chris Moore, Kevin Walsh and Lauren Beck, will release Manchester by the Sea, which was a Sundance sensation when it was debuted at the festival in January 2016 and received some of the best reviews of any film; and

WHEREAS, Manchester by the Sea, Steward's inaugural feature film, was a risky undertaking, falling outside the common formula that Hollywood uses to ensure commercial success, with daring material that pushes the boundaries and challenges the viewer; and

WHEREAS, Steward's mission to discover diverse new voices and launch the careers of next-generation talent on both sides of the camera shines through in Manchester by the Sea, which stars Casey Affleck, Michelle Williams and Kyle Chandler and was purchased for distribution by Amazon Studios for a staggering \$10 million; and

WHEREAS, beyond her success in filmmaking, Steward sits on the board at The Fresh Air Fund and Jazz at Lincoln Center. In St. Louis she is an underwriter for both the St. Louis Symphony and Variety Children's Charity Galas each year as well as the American Heart Association, and also supports the St. Louis Art Museum, Forest Park Reserve, Faith House, Girls Inc. and NPower; and

WHEREAS, Steward inherited both a strong entrepreneurial spirit and a gift for philanthropy here in St. Louis from parents David and Thelma Steward. Her father founded the highly successful systems integration firm World Wide Technology and her mother, a film buff, introduced her to master moviemakers such as Ingmar Bergman, Stanley Kubrick and Alfred Hitchcock at a very young age.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the tremendous success of Ms. Kimberly Steward in anticipation of the formal release of her inaugural feature film Manchester by the Sea and commend her for her many contributions to local causes and institutions that strengthen our region and improve quality of life for all of us. We further

direct the Clerk of this Board to include a copy of this Resolution in the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy for presentation at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 18th day of November, 2016, by:

The Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen

Adopted this the 18th day of November, 2016, as attested by:

Timothy O'Connell
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen