

RESOLUTION NO. 160
105th Anniversary of Omega Psi Phi

WHEREAS, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was founded November 17, 1911, and is now marking its 105th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the fraternity's goal is to build a strong and effective force of men dedicated to uplifting our communities; its cardinal principles are: Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift; and

WHEREAS, the fraternity's local graduate chapter is called Upsilon Omega, and the undergraduate chapter is called Omicron Sigma; and

WHEREAS, the fraternity holds workshops in January and November to help hundreds of kids prepare for college entry requirements, including helping them with essays, and applications for financial aid, scholarships, and grants; and

WHEREAS, the fraternity works to uplift the community by providing over 500 coloring books and crayons to children staying overnight at St. Louis Children's Hospital; and

WHEREAS, the fraternity has sponsored the 22nd Ward's holiday party for the past 11 years; and

WHEREAS, the fraternity has impacted the community by training over 2,200 in voter education and outreach over the last 10 years, and the organization's twice-a-year blood drives have averaged 200 donors; and

WHEREAS, the fraternity has numerous mentoring programs, including programming aimed at middle school through high school, teaching and mentoring them to become productive citizens; and

WHEREAS, the fraternity's plans for 2017 are as ambitious as ever; the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Sunday Supper will be a Salute to Veterans and Military Families; the fraternity expects over 300 attendees will be treated to an elegant dinner where veterans and their families are recognized by their branch of service as well as their particular war or campaign; the dinner will feature resources and outreach to help address any of the veterans' and their families' challenges; and

WHEREAS, the men of Omega are dedicated to making a positive impact in the World, to contributing to the Uplift of the community, to changing the face of our youth by providing Scholastic opportunities for all, and to displaying the true Essence of Manhood.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate Omega Psi Phi on its 105th Anniversary and thank the organization and its members for its many years of service to our community; 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 resented at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

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

The Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman, 22nd Ward

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

Timothy O'Connell
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen