

**RESOLUTION NO. 171**

**Jennifer M. Joyce**

**WHEREAS**, Circuit Attorney Jennifer M. Joyce has made a career out of ensuring that the Circuit Attorney's Office is committed to pursuing justice for the people of St. Louis above all else; and

**WHEREAS**, Jennifer Joyce will retire on December 31, 2016, as the City of St. Louis's longest serving Circuit Attorney—having been elected four times and having held office for 16 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Jennifer Joyce is a life-long resident of St. Louis City and lives in the Lindenwood Park neighborhood with her beloved husband, Kevin; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to her work at the Circuit Attorney's Office, Jennifer Joyce practiced law at Peper, Martin, Jensen, Maichel and Hetlage; and

**WHEREAS**, after graduating with top honors from Saint Louis University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Joyce attended Saint Louis University School of Law and graduated near the top of her class; and

**WHEREAS**, Jennifer Joyce started in the Circuit Attorney's Office as an Assistant Circuit Attorney in 1994 and served for six years until she was elected Circuit Attorney in 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, Circuit Attorney Joyce created new practices, procedures, and management structures to help attract and retain top legal professionals; and

**WHEREAS**, Circuit Attorney Joyce established multiple new teams of attorneys to address ever-changing patterns of criminal activity, including the White Collar Crime Unit, the Community Affairs Bureau, the Armed Offender Unit, and the Crime Strategies Unit; and

**WHEREAS**, Joyce and her team collaborated with legislators in Jefferson City and Washington to ensure St. Louis gets its fair share of crime-fighting dollars and obtained funding for over 14 new criminal justice and prosecution programs; and

**WHEREAS**, as Circuit Attorney Jennifer Joyce has fought passionately for victim rights laws to make certain victims are treated with respect and dignity by the criminal justice system; and

**WHEREAS**, through Jennifer Joyce's pursuit of justice, her office launched the DNA Justice project, an initiative designed to ensure that no one is wrongly convicted of a crime; the project actively reviewed more than 1,400 cases where DNA testing could make a difference in the case; and

**WHEREAS**, her record in the Circuit Attorney's Office is a continuation of her family's dedication to public service as fueled by both of her parents' distinguished careers as aldermen.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Jennifer Joyce for her long, dedicated service to the City of St. Louis and to congratulate her on her retirement. 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 9th day of December, 2016, by:

**The Honorable Beth Murphy, Alderwoman, 13th Ward**

**The Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President, St. Louis Board of Aldermen**

Adopted the 9th day of December, 2016, as attested by:

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Timothy O'Connell  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen