

**RESOLUTION NO. 181
YOUTH EXPLORING SCIENCE
YES PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, in 1998 the St. Louis Science Center answered a call from the community to prepare youth for STEM related careers; and

WHEREAS, the St. Louis Science Center established the Youth Exploring Science Program (YES), a community-oriented youth development, job readiness training program for St. Louis Bi-State area teens; and

WHEREAS, the YES program has personified the mission statement of the St. Louis Science Center, “To ignite and sustain lifelong science and technology learning;” and

WHEREAS, for the past 20 years the YES program has successfully encouraged thousands of teens to pursue their interests in the area of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math); and

WHEREAS, YES exposes teens to various STEM related occupations such as, Agri-Science; Integrative Medicine & Well-being; Engineering; Media Productions; Aerospace; Entrepreneurship; and Cybersecurity; and

WHEREAS, YES is a four-year program in which teens become employed by the St. Louis Science Center and serve as educators, role models and agents of change; and

WHEREAS, the YES program has pioneered a unique blend of hands-on learning, college and career readiness training and prolonged mentoring. Thousands of YES teens have graduated from high school and pursued STEM related degrees in colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, a high percentage of YES alumni has successfully entered the workforce, sustaining STEM related careers; and

WHEREAS, the YES program has performed its due diligence by successfully transforming teens into extraordinary leaders making them the next generation of the STEM work force and innovators.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause today to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the YES program and recognize the teachers, students, and administrators for their contributions to the city’s youth 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 memorial copy to the end that it may be presented at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 16th day of November, 2018 by:

The Honorable Brandon Bosley, Alderman 3rd Ward
The Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen
The Honorable Joseph Roddy, Alderman 17th Ward

Adopted this 16th day of November, 2018 as attested by:

Louis Galli
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen