

## **RESOLUTION NUMBER 187**

### **Matt the Cat**

**WHEREAS**, cats are known to perambulate, and Matt the Cat is no different, having traveled the byways of the Fifteenth Ward and the Eighth Ward and who knows how many others, and he did tarry for months; and

**WHEREAS**, Matt the Cat's disappearance electrified the community—and the community snapped into action—which reported numerous sightings of his fluffy orangeness, mischievous smile, and incomparable countenance; and

**WHEREAS**, Matt the Cat has inspired numerous pieces of artwork, stories, memes, and even his own cocktail; and

**WHEREAS**, Matt the Cat was an indoor cat, but the call of the wild proved irresistible; his whole being was pulled to adventure, and he did sally forth; and

**WHEREAS**, Matt the Cat escaped on November 15, right before the torrential rains began; and

**WHEREAS**, Oliver the Cat is Matt's best friend and litter mate who, despite his human family's best efforts, refused to meow a word about Matt the Cat's whereabouts; and

**WHEREAS**, when Matt the Cat returned, Oliver was tentative; Oliver stared, sniffed, and growled, while Matt meanwhile looked peacefully on at his crazy brother cat; and

**WHEREAS**, Matt the Cat's family and the Tower Grove South Community never gave up hope that Matt would one day wander back home; and

**WHEREAS**, Matt the Cat's loving human companion and caregiver, Maire Murphy, is grateful beyond words for the community support; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Louisans came to love Matt the Cat because he is a symbol of the qualities we value in an urban community: trust, reliance, helping one another, pulling together, and making sure people and pets have homes.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Saint Louis that we pause in our deliberations to celebrate the journey and the return of Matt the Cat and recognize the wonderful people of St. Louis for the care they took in helping him find his way. 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's human family at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 22nd day of January, 2016, by:

**The Honorable Megan Ellyia Green, Alderwoman 15th Ward**

Adopted this 22nd day of January, 2016, as attested by:

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Tim O'Connell  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen