

## **RESOLUTION NUMBER 195**

### **Cav. Anthony Gandolfo**

**WHEREAS**, a 6.2-magnitude earthquake struck a mountainous stretch of central Italy on August 24, 2016, killing at least 250 people and injuring hundreds; it was followed by about 200 aftershocks over the next several hours, including a 5.5-magnitude tremor; towns in three regions—Umbria, Lazio and Marche—were devastated by the quake, which could be felt as far away at Bologna in the north, Naples in the south, and Rome nearly 100 miles away; and

**WHEREAS**, several members from local St. Louis Italian organizations came together to host a fundraiser dinner dance on October 22, 2016, to benefit the earthquake victims of Central Italy; and

**WHEREAS**, Cav. Anthony Gandolfo was born in Campobello di Mazara on the island of Sicily; he arrived in the United States in 1958; Anthony and his wife, Marisa, purchased a small alteration shop which they grew into a clothing manufacturing company that created uniforms and English riding apparel; Anthony was the President of the Sicilian Cultural Association from 1998-2000; he was instrumental in placement of the phrase “Benvenuti in St. Louis” on the sign that is first seen as you leave St. Louis Lambert International Airport on Highway 70: and

**WHEREAS**, it is fitting that this Board officially commend Cav. Anthony Gandolfo and thank him for his contribution to the international efforts to alleviate the humanitarian crisis caused by the earthquakes that struck Central Italy in August 2016.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to thank Cav. Anthony Gandolfo for his work to alleviate the humanitarian crisis following the earthquakes that struck Central Italy in August 2016. 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 at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 6th day of January, 2017, by:

**The Honorable Joseph Vaccaro, Alderman 23rd Ward**

Adopted the 6th day of January, 2017, as attested by:

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Timothy G. O’Connell  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen