

RESOLUTION 197
CENTRAL WEST END FARM

WHEREAS, December 10 marks the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and is known internationally as Human Rights Day, and,

WHEREAS, Article 25 of the Declaration states that “Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including food,” and,

WHEREAS, the Central West End Farm’s mission is to eliminate hunger within our community by growing, harvesting, delivering, and distributing organic vegetables and fruits to guests of local food pantries; and,

WHEREAS, in the city of Saint Louis, one out of five residents go to bed hungry each evening, and,

WHEREAS, the vision of the Central West End Farm is to feed the most vulnerable in our community, and,

WHEREAS, the Central West End Farm broke ground on Earth Day, April 22, 2011 to address Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and,

WHEREAS, to date the total pounds of vegetables and fruits harvested at the Central West End Farm exceeds 16,000 pounds and volunteers have delivered 3,200 pounds to food pantries in the last year and expect to exceed that number in 2018, and,

WHEREAS, the Central West End Farm’s produce has been part of Sunday supper for many thousands of very appreciative guests, and 2,500 family members were fed last year by the Central West End Farm, and,

WHEREAS, the Central West End Farm partners with schools, churches and synagogues, local businesses and hundreds of volunteers over the eight growing seasons, and fourth-grade partners invented the phrase “gift garden” to describe the Farm’s efforts, and,

WHEREAS, the produce grown and harvested at the Central West End Farm is gifted to others and the Farm has inspired other “gift gardens” in St. Louis and elsewhere.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the Central West End Farm for its tremendous service to the City of St. Louis in addressing Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by alleviating hunger and improving the quality of life for thousands of people in St. Louis. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to include a copy of this Resolution in the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy for presentation at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 7th day of December, 2018 by:

The Honorable Heather Navarro, Alderwoman 28th Ward

Adopted this 7th day of December, 2018 as attested by:

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