

## RESOLUTION NUMBER 203

**Elizabeth (Beth) J. Stroble**

**WHEREAS**, Saint Louis University and the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, in partnership with Ameren, will host its fifth annual memorial tribute honoring the life and legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on January 12, at which a number of our most engaged fellow citizens and organizations will be honored with awards; and

**WHEREAS**, we pause in our deliberations to recognize and honor Dr. Elizabeth “Beth” Stroble, recipient of the Diversity & Inclusion Award; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2009, Dr. Stroble became the 11th president of Webster University, and since then Webster, along with a network of campus locations on four continents, has solidified its reputation as a global institution of higher learning; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Stroble led Webster to establish the Gateway Campus in the Arcade Building in downtown St. Louis and a new Interdisciplinary Science Building, scheduled to open this fall; and

**WHEREAS**, under her leadership, the university has realized increased donor gifts, scholarship support and academic resources for St. Louis area students from underrepresented groups, as well as for international students; and

**WHEREAS**, recognized for her commitment to diversity and inclusion by *INSIGHT Into Diversity*, Dr. Stroble has also been honored by the Jewish Community Relations Council, the Argus Foundation, the YMCA, and the St. Louis NAACP; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2016, *Diverse Issues In Higher Education* named Webster University first among nonprofit public and private universities in the country for the number of graduate degrees conferred to minority students; in addition, Webster collaborates with the St. Louis American Foundation to provide scholarships to under-represented undergraduates.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to join with the friends and colleagues of Elizabeth Stroble to recognize and thank her for her commitment to diversity and inclusion as President of Webster University. 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 this 12th day of January, 2017, by:

**Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward**  
**Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen**

Adopted this 12th 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