

Resolution Number 204
Minister Ishmael R. Muhammad

WHEREAS, Minister Ishmael R. Muhammad was born on June 21, 1964 in Albuquerque, New Mexico to the Leader of the nation of Islam, the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad and to the writer, lecturer designer and composer, Mother Tynnetta Muhammad; and

WHEREAS, Minister Ishmael Muhammad has served his Father, The Honorable Elijah Muhammad and his Spiritual Father, The Honorable Louis Farrakhan for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Minister Ishmael enjoys the distinct honor and privilege of serving as the Assistant Minister to the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam's headquarters in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, as one of Minister Farrakhan's trusted and able helpers, he is influential in the Nation of Islam's leadership structure and ministry. Minister Ishmael's extensive background in Quranic and Biblical Scriptures has afforded his audiences the opportunity to examine man's connection, duty and future as it relates to God. His love for the human family has given him the ability to transcend the ethnic, racial and spiritual barriers that have historically divided the people of the world. His spirited, though-provoking lectures have inspired thousands; and

WHEREAS, Minister Ishmael is skilled organizer and served as one of the principal coordinators of the Historic Million Man march that drew over a million Black men to Washington, D.C. He has been instrumental in the planning and organizing of events and conferences throughout the United States and has been featured in local, national and international print and broadcast media; and

WHEREAS, Minister Ishmael has taken great pride in his ability to successfully counsel conflict resolution, domestic issues, child abuse, interpersonal relations and other areas. An extremely gifted and capable speaker, Minister Ishmael has lectured in churches, prisons, and on a number of college campuses. His diverse background, coupled with his compelling and passionate deliveries are sure to positively touch anyone who hears him speak; and

WHEREAS, Minister Ishmael is a world traveler whose travels have taken him to Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jerusalem, Pakistan, West Africa, Europe, New Zealand and South America. Minister Ishmael resided and studied in Cuernavaca, Mexico for 17 years. He is bilingual, speaking both fluent Spanish and English; and

WHEREAS, Minister Ishmael is a loving husband and father of seven; devoted family man; dedicated Minister and Student of life; and servant of the people. He stands as a fine example and role model for black men and women everywhere and as an outstanding spokesman for the upliftment of Black people and humanity throughout the world.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Minister Ishmael R. Muhammad and we wish him continued success, achievement and accomplishment and 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 24th day of January, 2014 by:

Honorable Chris Carter, Alderman 27th Ward
Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4th Ward

Adopted this 24th day of January, 2014 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen

