

**RESOLUTION NO. 213
RECOGNIZING THE 45th ANNIVERSARY OF THE
SUPREME COURT'S DECISION IN ROVE v. WADE**

WHEREAS, January 22, 2018 marks the 45th anniversary of the United States Supreme Court's landmark decision, *Roe v. Wade*, 410 U.S.113 (1973), which found that a person's fundamental right of privacy protects their right to have an abortion; and

WHEREAS, Illegal abortion before the *Roe v. Wade* decision caused the death of hundreds of women annually and serious injury to thousands more; and

WHEREAS, Abortion is one of the safest medical procedures with minimal risk, with less than .05% resulting in major complications that might need hospital care; and

WHEREAS, Since *Roe v. Wade*, the majority of Americans have consistently favored keeping abortion legal and accessible; and

WHEREAS, Today, about half of pregnancies are unintended, about 40 percent of those end in abortion, and one in four women will get an abortion in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Since *Roe v. Wade*, and particularly in the past ten years, ideological extremists have continued to undermine the United States Constitution by introducing laws restricting abortion with the ultimate goal of overturning the decision; and

WHEREAS, Missouri has introduced, enacted, and defended unconstitutional laws restricting the right to abortion and, as a result, has spent millions of taxpayer dollars defending these laws; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize this 45th anniversary of the Supreme Court's milestone decision in *Roe v. Wade*, affirming personal liberties and the right to privacy. We further direct the Clerk of the

Board to prepare a commemorative copy of this Resolution to the end that it may be presented to our honorees at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 2nd day of February, 2018, by:

The Honorable Sarah Wood-Martin, Alderwoman 11th Ward

Adopted this 2nd day of February, 2018, as attested by:

Donna Evans-Booker
Assistant Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen