

Resolution Number 218
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri and National Mentoring Month

WHEREAS, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri has been building trusting and enduring relationships that encourage and support children and teens in St. Louis City and other parts of the eastern Missouri region since 1914; and

WHEREAS, our community recognizes that our success depends upon helping every child succeed and that young people need a solid foundation of support that will help them become well-educated, confident and productive citizens; and

WHEREAS, research shows that mentoring has beneficial and long-term effects on youth by increasing their chances of high school graduation and college attendance and decreasing the likelihood of substance abuse and other risky behaviors; and

WHEREAS, mentoring strengthens our city's economic and social well-being by helping young people fulfill their potential while helping maintain healthy families and promoting more vibrant communities; and

WHEREAS, thousands of local children are in need of a caring adult mentor in their lives, and closing this mentoring gap will take more investment, partnerships and volunteers ready to make a difference in a child's life; and

WHEREAS, National Mentoring Month raises public awareness of the importance of mentoring and honors all those who give of themselves to guide our young people; and

WHEREAS, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri renews its commitment to Be There for the community's kids, working to ensure a future of opportunity for the children and teens it serves; and

WHEREAS, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri calls upon all local citizens to join the agency in its commitment by recognizing the importance of mentoring, looking for opportunities to serve as mentors and supporting the agency's initiatives to recruit mentors for every child who wants and needs one.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri and National Mentoring Month 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 honorees at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 23rd day of January, 2015 by:

Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderman 19th Ward

Adopted this the 23rd day of January, 2015 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen