

**Resolution Number 219**  
**The Little Bit Foundation**

**WHEREAS**, the Little Bit Foundation is committed to helping disadvantage school children by creating a positive impact for personal grow, increasing self-esteem and encouraging a more focused and active learning environment. They do this by building strong relationships and working closely with St. Louis Schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the Little Bit Foundation was founded in 2001 by a simple request of an inner-city school teacher asking for coats for her students in her school. This simple request has now become a movement; and

**WHEREAS**, to date, the Little Bit Foundation has served 28,000 children. This year they are serving 5,000 children in 17 schools. In addition, the Little Bit Foundation strives towards a goal of serving an additional 600 to 1,000 children annually; and

**WHEREAS**, the Little Bit Foundation recognizes that in order to effectively break down barriers that prevent impoverished children from learning and succeeding, they must identify specific needs and serve the whole child. With their strong community outreach, they have developed affiliations to build nine individualized wrap around services. Such services include behavioral health support, general health screenings, eye exams, basic needs for children, coats, shoes, uniforms, etc. The collective impact of their programs and services positively affects each student's dignity, self-esteem and significantly improves their readiness to learn; and

**WHEREAS**, their strengths lie in building a strong community with each school they sponsor through their consistent weekly presence and one-on-one interaction with each child served; and

**WHEREAS**, their efficient distribution system ensures that each child receives what they need, when they need it; their ability to identify the specific needs of our student populations and affiliate themselves with quality organizations to meet needs that are beyond their scope.

**NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the Little Bit Foundation and 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 memorial copy for presentation at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015 by:

**Honorable Christine Ingrassia, Alderwoman 6<sup>th</sup> Ward**  
Honorable Donna Baringer, Alderwoman 16<sup>th</sup> Ward

Adopted this the 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015 as attested by:

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David W. Sweeney  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen