

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 226**  
**ORGANIZATION OF BLACK STRUGGLE**

**WHEREAS**, It has come to the attention of this honorable Board of Aldermen that the 2018 theme for Black History Month is “African Americans in Times of War”; and

**WHEREAS**, this theme was established by the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH) founded by Dr. Carter who founded the association and Black History Month; and

**WHEREAS**, since the establishment of Black History Month the ASNLH has set a theme for each Black History Month to provide focus, continuity and stability; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Louis has a long history of African Americans organizing for equality, freedom, justice and human rights nationally and specifically in the City of St. Louis; and

**WHEREAS**, African Americans in St. Louis founded one this nation’s largest freedom/abolitionist organizations, various self-help societies, upliftment agencies, black consciousness organizations, gender rights associations, political support groups, ecology clubs, civil rights and black power organizations all founded to bring justice and equality for all of America and the African American community in general; and

**WHEREAS**, during African-American History Month, this honorable Board of Aldermen has proudly joined in the celebrations through the adoption of resolutions honoring organizations and individual St. Louis African-Americans achievers who have shown leadership and made historic and beneficial contributions to the fabric of the City of St. Louis; and

**WHEREAS**, This Board now takes the time to acknowledge several of our historic African American community organization who have worked for the upliftment of the St. Louis and the African American community in particular; and

**WHEREAS**, in honor of Black History Month and the 2018 theme this board recognizes the many contributions of the Organization of Black Struggle (OBS) whose work has raised the level of human life in St. Louis and kept the ideals of justice and equality for all foremost in our minds

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations during African-American History Month to recognize and honor OBS for being a St. Louis African-American Justice organization and for its leadership toward equality and by adoption of this resolution we wish to thank OBS for being an excellent example of community concern, care, talent, and commitment and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the permanent rolls of this Board 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 23rd Day of February, 2018 by:

**The Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18<sup>th</sup> Ward**

Adopted this 23rd Day of February, 2018 as attested by:

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Donna Elliot  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen