

RESOLUTION NO. 231
GAIL GRILLO

WHEREAS, we pause today to note the passing of our dear friend Gail Grillo who entered into eternal peace February 7th, 2018 surrounded by her loving family; and

WHEREAS, Miss Gail was born on December 22, 1934 in Smethport, Pennsylvania before moving to St. Louis in 1958; and

WHEREAS, while raising her four children, Sarah, Kathy, Tina and Jim she worked at Sun Products for twenty years and in 1979 she moved to her beloved home on Pennsylvania Avenue in south St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, Miss Gail loved her new neighborhood and almost immediately became active in her community becoming a block captain; she worked with local elected officials to make her block not only well-known in the area, but safe and secure for her neighbors; and

WHEREAS, Gail loved to party. Gail hosted an annual Halloween party for all the kids on the block, and in the summer she hosted an annual Alligator Party for all the big kids in the neighborhood that included an “alligator wrestling” tournament and plenty of ice-cold beverages; the party became legendary; and

WHEREAS, Gail was a regular in many area establishments including the Cat’s Meow, the Highway Bar, Tip-Top, Nadines Gin Joint, Joanies Pizzeria, 1860’s Saloon, and most recently Crossroads; she was always ready to have a drink—vodka and tonic with a lime, and engage in a lively conversation; everyone who met Gail, loved the lady with the bright red hair and more often than not, made a friend for life; and

WHEREAS, Gail’s family were her friends and her friends were her family. Today, along with her brother Jerry Connors, her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and her extended family of friends, Miss Gail is remembered and celebrated.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause to recognize and celebrate the life of Ms. Gail Grillo and acknowledge her accomplishments and contributions to the City of St. Louis. 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 memorial copy to the end that it may be presented to the family of Gail Grillo at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 23rd day of February, 2018 by:

The Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President Board of Aldermen

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

Donna Elliott
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen