

**Resolution Number 232**  
**Gitana Productions “Living the Dream: 50 Years and Beyond”**

**WHEREAS**, Gitana Productions was launched in 1996 by Cecilia Nadal with the objective of bringing to St. Louis a global vision of music, dance and drama; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Nadal and partner Danny Clark felt that many St. Louisans lacked the opportunity to participate in arts presentations which encouraged broad cross-cultural awareness and appreciation and that such experiences could heal and contribute to progress in St. Louis; and

**WHEREAS**, students in Gitana’s *Global Education through the Arts* program have, for the last six years, toured greater St. Louis through the months of February and March delivering a message of peace and nonviolence through a dynamic 45-minute performance with music, drama and dance titled “Living the Dream;” and

**WHEREAS**, Gitana’s programming focuses on community health and global healing, emphasizes the importance of compassion and love and the relationship between these virtues and the goals of diversity and nonviolence; and

**WHEREAS**, this years “Living the Dream” tour, subtitled “50 Years and Beyond,” will feature youth who’ve been trained in various forms of artistic expressions who will entertain and educate audiences around the city, from the Juvenile Detention Centers to the chambers of City Hall; and

**WHEREAS**, we commend the work of Gitana and recognize the power of the arts in transforming hearts and minds and healing individuals, communities, cities and the world, bridging divides, broadening understandings of shared human experiences and encouraging love while discouraging violence.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and thank Gitana Productions for their dedication to global healing through music, dance and drama and for their 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 commemorative copy to the end that it may presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 21st day of February, 2014 by:

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

Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen

Honorable Antonio French, Alderman 21<sup>st</sup> Ward

Adopted this the 21st day of February, 2014 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