

**RESOLUTION 255**  
**JUDGE MARK H. NEILL**

**WHEREAS**, it has come to the attention of this Board of Aldermen that after seventeen years of dedicated service on the Twenty Second Circuit Court Judge Mark H. Neill will retire from the bench on March 20, 2019, and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Mark H. Neill is a native son of the City of St. Louis, born on March 21, 1949, the sixth of nine children born to Thomas Patrick Neill and Agnes Josephine Neill, and is the twin brother of Judge Margret M. Neill; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Neill and wife Kelly are the proud parents of four children, Tom, John, Kevin and Katie, and proud grandparents of Victoria, Declan, Meredith and Bridget; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Neill is a graduate of St. Roch School, St. Louis University High School, and Saint Louis University where he received a Bachelor of Arts in history in 1971, and then went on to earn his Juris Doctorate from Saint Louis University School of Law in 1974; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Neill began his legal career with the Legal Division of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department serving first as law clerk, assistant legal advisor, legal advisor and ultimately general counsel and served in this capacity until 1986; and

**WHEREAS**, following his tenure with the Police Department Judge Neill entered private practice with his brother Joseph V. Neill, and during this time he handled a variety of trial and non-trial matters in Missouri and Illinois and in the Federal Courts; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2002 then Missouri Governor Bob Holden appointed Judge Neill to the Circuit Court Bench where he has since presided over civil and criminal jury trials, non-jury trials, and domestic relations cases; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Neill has served as a special judge on the Missouri Supreme Court, has been a member of several state and circuit court committees, served on the Missouri Bar Board of Governors from 2009 to 2013, and has been an active member of the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, the Lawyers Association, International Association of Chiefs of Police, and the Gravois Bar Association of which he is a founding member; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Neill has also been an active member of his community and church serving as the President of the St. Luke the Evangelist and Our Lady of Lourdes parish councils, President of the Missouri Athletic Club Board of Governors, Scout Master of BSA Troop 520 for nine years and a member of the Troop Committee for eighteen years, and is actively involved with the St. Vincent DePaul Society, Habitat for Humanity, The BackStoppers and other community organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Neill has been honored as the Irishman of the Year by Norwood Hills Country Club, the Civic Person of the Year by the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and was most recently named the *Clan na Gael* Irish Person of the Year.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to express our gratitude to Judge Mark H. Neill for his

dedication and service to the City of St. Louis, and to congratulate him and wish him much happiness and peace on his retirement, 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 honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by our sponsor.

Introduced this 1st day of March, 2019 by:

**The Honorable Sarah Martin, Alderman 11th Ward**

Adopted this 1st day of March, 2019 as attested by:

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Louis Galli  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen