

RESOLUTION 260
EMPOWERMENT GRACE MINISTRIES

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of this honorable Board of Aldermen of many achievements and activities of the Empowerment of Grace Ministries led by the Rev. Larita Rice; and

WHEREAS, Empowerment of Grace was originally launched in Swansea, Illinois and later grew and expanded to East St. Louis and Belleville, Illinois and has now crossed over to the Baden/North Point neighborhood of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, the ministry's purpose is to serve the most marginalized segments of our community and to create opportunities for economic and civic engagement on an international basis; and

WHEREAS, Empowerment Grace ministries provides a free clothing outlet, a Thanksgiving meal that feeds hundreds, employment opportunities and training programs to build personal and corporate capacity; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, Pastor Rice, a native of East St. Louis, and is a recipient of the President Obama 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award, expanded the ministry to the continent of Africa in four years, and is now working to expand to of Asia; and

WHEREAS, the ministry has adopted families and engrafted a set of churches, businesses, organizations and government officials into our family to create Empowerment of Grace Uganda. This movement has facilitated a transatlantic coalition that continues to enable powerful opportunities for collaboration; and

WHEREAS, last year the largest delegation of members of the Uganda Parliament, including Deputy Speaker Jacob Oulanyah, ever to leave the country came to St. Louis to attend the RESET America- RESET Africa conference held in St. Louis and sponsored by the ministry; and

WHEREAS, The Global Impact Leadership Alliance (GILA), founded in the city of St Louis, yet working in Illinois, Africa and now Asia, has strategically identified key leaders from across the globe who are skilled in their crafts and have a passion to lead, train and develop other world-class leaders through foreign exchange and commitment to meet the extensive needs of an ever changing world using its resources and international relationships.

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 congratulate Empowerment Grace ministries and its founder Pastor Larita Rice for their many achievements and 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 the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 13th day of April, 2018, by:

The Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward

Adopted the 13th day of April, 2017, as attested by:

Louis C. Galli
Interim Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen