

RESOLUTION NO. 264

Recognition of the Many Contributions of The Sudan Illustrators

Whereas, this honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis is acutely aware of the important contributions that The Sudan Illustrators has made to the 18th Ward and the City of St. Louis, and

Whereas, this Board is aware that neighborhood institutions and organizations are a part of the backbone of our City providing needed services, stability, leadership, facilities, continuity and cohesion for a community, and

Whereas, the role community institutions play in a city are too numerous to put into any one writing or document but it can be said that they help to provide structured avenues for community input, activism and action, and

Whereas, Sudan Illustrators began in the 18th Ward in 1970 and is outgrowth of the Mid City Community Center carrying the name of the community room of the center once located in the 3900 block of Delmar in the 18th Ward, and

Whereas, Sudan Illustrators organizes an annual community health fair, provides remedial reading services operates a community educational center that provides free educational services for youth and adults, and

Whereas, the organization is composed of educators, 18th Ward residents and community workers who also provide culturally based activities aimed at enriching and advancing the African -American community, and

Whereas, Sudan Illustrators provides free cultural based academic services, Juneteenth activities, Kwanzaa programs, Akoma activities, Black History Month events and other culturally enriching services, and

Whereas, for many years Sudan Illustrators has operated an African-American community book center and library free to the public which is in the 18th Ward and has an extensive collection of African American literature on various topics related to the St. Louis African-American community and the African diaspora and has become a beacon in our community that provides a needed presence that further fosters feelings of community connections that helps to weave a neighborhood together.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to acknowledge, congratulate and thank the Sudan Illustrators and its dedicated leadership team for a job well done and for its many accomplishments aimed at improving the quality of life in the City of St. Louis 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 this 15th day of April, 2019 by:

The Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward

Adopted this 15th day of April, 2019 as attested by:

Louis C. Galli
Interim Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen