

## RESOLUTION NO. 269

### Recognition of the Many Contributions of Mercy Seat Baptist Church

Whereas, this honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis is acutely aware of the important contributions that the Mercy Seat Baptist Church has made to their community, the 18<sup>th</sup> Ward and the City of St. Louis, and

Whereas, this Board is aware that neighborhood institutions 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, Mercy Seat Baptist Church and it's dedicated and able leadership team presently pastored by the Rev. Robert Houston has over the years provided a space for meetings of the various community organizations, co-sponsored activities and events, organized various community programs for residents of all ages without charge, and

Whereas, Mercy Seat has become a beacon and an anchor in the 18<sup>th</sup> Ward, and

Whereas, over a decade ago under the leadership of the Rev. James Brown, Mercy Seat established the Mercy Seat Senior Apartments providing housing for area seniors and providing additional spaces for community meetings further fostering 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 Mercy Seat Baptist Church, its past and present pastor 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:

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Louis C. Galli  
Interim Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen