

RESOLUTION NUMBER 146

Rodney Francis

WHEREAS, in the Spring of 2007 Community Renewal and Development, Inc. and 5th Ward Alderwoman April Ford-Griffin decided that an event to be called the Annual Community Development Carnival was warranted to “Celebrate the History and Revitalization of the 5th Ward”; and

WHEREAS, a historic committee was later formed by CRD including membership from the North Grand Neighborhood Services, COVAM, CAMCO, Better Family Life, St. Louis Crisis Nursery, World Impact, CHIPS, The Youth and Family Center, Old North St. Louis Restoration Group, Regional Housing and Community Development Alliance, City of St. Louis and St. Louis Mennonite Peace Center agencies; and

WHEREAS, this steering committee has continued to work diligently to provide an experience for 5th Ward residents and stakeholders that will include complimentary rides, games, entertainment, food, school supplies, health screenings and critical service provider information; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of this annual event can only be achieved through the generosity of the corporate and philanthropic community; and

WHEREAS, The Youth and Family Center, under the leadership of Rodney Francis, has stepped forward to establish itself as a major sponsor of the annual event realizing its importance to 5th Ward residents and stakeholders.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Rodney Francis as a friend and invaluable contributor to the 5th Ward in its continued revitalization and restoration 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 the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 2nd day of October, 2009 by:

Honorable April Ford-Griffin, Alderwoman 5th Ward

Adopted this the 2nd day of October, 2009 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen