

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 19**

**Kim's Kids**

**WHEREAS**, we have been apprised that Kim's Kids will be receiving a Business Award from the St. Louis Community Empowerment Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, sisters, Sherry Davidson, Cynthia McClendon and Monica Ross along with their mother, Jean McClendon founded the Kim's Kids Company in 1992; and

**WHEREAS**, the company was named for and is dedicated to Jean's sister, Kim, who was tragically killed in an automobile accident just before the business opened. Many family members, including Jean's mother, Mrs. Gatlin, who is 90 plus years old, and still going strong, have all contributed to make the business successful; and

**WHEREAS**, the family has worked very hard to build two child care centers in Illinois, and Kim's Kids Early Learning Center at Delmar and Kim's Kids Way on Leonard Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, each family member has select duties to fulfill at the business. Cynthia is executive director at the Illinois operation and Sherry and Monica operate Kim's Kids of Missouri. A new generation of daughters is being groomed to take over the business; and

**WHEREAS**, recently the family opened "Friends-A Meeting Place" at 716 North Compton at Delmar Avenue. Friends is managed by Jean and her sister Kay Gatlin. The new company provides a wonderful venue for those who want the very best in ambiance and service. Friends is fast becoming "the place" for elegant parties, weddings and other events.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Kim's Kids and we wish them continued success, achievement and accomplishment 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 honorees at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 1st day of May, 2009 by:

**Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderman 19th Ward**

Adopted this the 1st day of May, 2009 as attested by:

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David W. Sweeney  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen