

RESOLUTION NUMBER 75

WHEREAS, President Obama and Congress enacted the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), landmark legislation designed to promote economic recovery by creating jobs, investing in infrastructure and minimizing and avoiding reductions in state and local government budgets and services; and

WHEREAS, the purposes of the Economic Recovery Act include preserving and creating jobs, promoting economic recovery, improving transportation efficiency, environmental protection, infrastructure investment with long term economic benefits, minimizing and avoiding reductions in essential services, fostering energy independence, and assisting those most impacted by the recession; and

WHEREAS, ARRA made funding available to state and local governments (the “ARRA Funds”) to carry out the purposes of the Act; and

WHEREAS, ARRA Funds must be obligated quickly and fulfill transparency and accountability requirements; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri has received approximately 3.2 billion dollars in ARRA Funds, as follows:

- \$921 million dollars in budget stabilization funds
- \$43 million dollars in Law Enforcement grants
- \$521.7 million dollars in funds for the purpose of educating the workforce for tomorrow
- \$185 million dollars for weatherization and Missouri State Energy Program
- \$75 million dollars in Training and retraining programs
- \$996.6 million dollars in building infrastructure to attract new jobs
- \$493.2 million dollars for programs protecting the vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, it does not appear to this Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that all of the ARRA Funds received by the State of Missouri has been appropriated; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that ARRA Funds be appropriated in order to be spent for and achieve their intended purposes; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the State of Missouri and the City of St. Louis that ARRA Funds be made available as expeditiously as possible to fulfill the intended purposes of ARRA.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that that this Board calls upon our Governor, the Honorable Jeremiah “Jay” Nixon, to call Missouri’s State Legislature into Special Session for the purpose of appropriating the remainder of the Great State of Missouri’s ARRA Funds.

Introduced on the 26th day of June, 2009 by:

Honorable Jennifer Florida, Alderwoman 15th Ward

Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen

Honorable Charles Quincy Troupe, Alderman 1st Ward

Honorable Dionne Flowers, Alderwoman 2nd Ward

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Honorable Shane Cohn, Alderman 25th Ward
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Adopted this the 26th day of June, 2009 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
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