

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 25
HONORING DANIEL LEON HODGES**

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis of the many accomplishments and contributions of Mr. Daniel Leon Hodges; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Leon Hodges was born May 4, 1961, in St. Louis, Mo and was the second of three children of Dannice Pastor; and

WHEREAS, Daniel graduated from Sumner High School in 1979. He was so proud to be a “Sumnerite Bulldog.” As a child, his gift of drawing was discovered by his mother who nurtured his gift. Daniel’s gift flourished and after high school he had one year of college; and

WHEREAS, later in life, Daniel stated that God knew that if he completed college, his college accolades would be given credit for his artistic ability. Daniel always gave God the praise and glory for his gift. He was asked hundreds of times, “Where do you get your ideas from?” He would quickly say “from the Lord.” The Lord blessed Daniel to become an exceptional artist; and

WHEREAS, Daniel was a dedicated Godly man. He loved the Lord with all his heart. You could not have a conversation with Daniel without talking about the Lord at some point. Daniel met his soulmate, Deneen Spencer on May 6, 2000. They married on November 5, 2000. They loved each other and praised the Lord together; and

WHEREAS, Daniel also loved family and friends. He made an effort to know all sides of his family and made sure that everyone knew that he loved them. He had no shame in telling anyone, male or female, that he loved them. There was not a birth date that he didn’t know. He loved calling someone up to tell them Happy Birthday. He loved his birthday as well, celebrating the whole month; and

WHEREAS, will be missed he leaves to remember and forever love him, his devoted wife, Deneen; daughter, Alexis and Dannice (Tyree); play daughter Danielle; Godson, Antonio; Sister, Cheryl (Ardell, Jr.); Brother, Melvin “Pookie”; step brother and sisters, Mary, Doni (Morgan), Libby, Donald, Angela, Dessica (Ahmed); Mother in Law, Yvonne; sisters in law, Lynnette (Joseph), Michelle; Brother in Law, Dollar; Lifelong brother friends, Amon, Mark “Cricket”, and Lester (MiMi), Life Long sister friends, Annetta (Travis), LaCreta (Edward), Toni; Cousin friend, Roderick “Big Rod” and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friend.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to acknowledge the many contributions of Mr. Daniel Leon Hodges and by adoption of this Resolution wish to join in with those celebrating his life and direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy across the proceedings of this Board and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it might be presented at a time and place and to those deemed appropriate by its sponsor.

**Introduced this 2nd day of July, 2020 by:
The Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderman 19th Ward**

Adopted this ___ day of July, 2020 as attested by:

**Terry Kennedy
Clerk, Board of Aldermen**

**Lewis Reed
President, Board of Aldermen**