

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 56  
HONORING SPARKLE DENEEN HUCKLEBERRY**

**WHEREAS**, it has come to the attention of this Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis of the passing of Sparkle Deneen Huckleberry on Friday, October 2, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, she was born June 27, 1976 and was a loving wife, mother, and daughter. She was a kind and caring neighbor and leader in her community; and

**WHEREAS**, Sparkle was employed at St. Louis Housing Authority for over 10 years. There, she worked helping people with critical housing needs. Sparkle established and maintained effective working relationships with employees and landlords.

**WHEREAS**, she was loved and will be profoundly missed and as much as she loved others, she was loved back. She was a devoted mom and Grandma and was affectionately called “Mama Jo” by her grandbabies. Her childhood home on John Street near Fairground Park would later become home to her own family; and

**WHEREAS**, Sparkle’s love extended beyond the walls of her house into her community where her compassion and guidance provided guardrails for young people growing up in a tough neighborhood. She embraced the role of “block mama”; and

**WHEREAS**, she was loving wife. Her family was her priority. She loved big family gatherings when she would be the hostess and make sure everyone felt welcome; and

**WHEREAS**, Sparkle was humble but fierce. She embodied style, grace, and definitely fashion and she would often credit her father for that. Her “S.M.I.L.E.S.” brightened every room she stepped into and she left a little bit of sparkle everywhere she went. Her smile would make you smile and her laugh was pure and true above all; and

**WHEREAS**, you could not ask for a better person to be your daughter, mother, wife, sister or friend. Sparkle was one of a kind. She was an author and poet, and inspired many with her words of counsel and advice.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause to reflect upon the life of Sparkle Deneen Huckleberry and by adoption of this Resolution wish to join in with those celebrating her life. 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 the honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

**Introduced this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020 by:  
The Honorable Brandon Bosley, Alderwoman 3rd Ward**

**Adopted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020 as attested by**

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**Terry Kennedy  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen**

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**Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen**