

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 9**  
**St. Nicholas All School Alumni Reunion**

**WHEREAS**, the St. Nicholas All School Alumni Reunion, which starts on Friday, May 2 and culminates with a mass and tribute luncheon on Sunday, May 5, will bring together over 300 graduates, community and business leaders and faith leaders to celebrate the 130 years that St. Nicholas has served downtown St. Louis residents; and

**WHEREAS**, opened in 1867 by German Catholics, the church and school became the first and only parish in the city to focus on educating and improving the lives of African Americans. In 1923, Jesuit scholars took over the reigns of the church and built an elementary and high school. For years, the church served residents of neighboring Carr Square Village and Vaugh Apartments. Today, although the schools have been closed, the church and a preschool continue to serve residents of St. Louis including expanded areas that have been impacted by other church closures; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Nicholas has a proud tradition of excellence and has many distinguished graduates including the Honorable Congressman William Lacy Clay, Sr. (Ret.), actors Robert Guillaume and Ken Page, MO State Representative Penny Gorman Hubbard, TV Host and Legal Expert Areva Martin, Esq., Dr. James Perkins, and corporate executives Karen Lemmons Bohr (US Airways) and John Nance (3M). The current pastor is Father Urey Patrick Mark; and

**WHEREAS**, the reunion, themed, “A Time to Remember: Coming Together and Giving Back,” will honor the staff, sponsors and alums who served faithfully thousands of residents in the downtown and North St. Louis communities. It will also serve as a fundraiser for the St. Nicholas preschool, which provides quality day care and academic instruction to hundreds of preschool kids each year; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1926 St. Nicholas and the St. Louis African American community have grown together and through myriad economic and demographic changes, St. Nicholas continues to provide a haven for worship, council, education and recreation to many. Best known for its famed skating rink, St. Nicholas was “home” to thousands as it provided a safe and nurturing environment replete with the kind of religious instruction that prepared its graduates to blossom and excel.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the St. Nicholas All School Alumni Reunion 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 19th day of April, 2013 by:

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

Adopted this the 19th day of April, 2013 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