

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 14**

**WHEREAS**, the City of St. Louis Emergency Management Agency (CEMA), a division of the Department of Public Safety, maintains an ongoing program of mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery; and

**WHEREAS**, CEMA's function includes the following: emergency operations planning, emergency reporting of essential information to government offices, resource management, training and education; and

**WHEREAS**, emergency operations planning includes direction and control of emergency response activities, whether from an emergency operations center or a field location; communications capable of directing emergency response activity; and public information on relevant hazards; and

**WHEREAS**, emergency reporting involves tracking and reporting use of resources and predicting future needs following federal, state and local emergency management laws; and

**WHEREAS**, resource management includes maintaining contact with organizations and agencies capable of providing services, such as police, fire, and medical, as well as evacuation, shelter, utilities, and other resources that may be required to respond in an emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, training and education involves providing information to public officials, emergency responders and the public regarding hazards; protection and response measures and emergency management concepts and skills; and

**WHEREAS**, CEMA also conducts regular training exercises to evaluate emergency management capabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, CEMA is under the review of the Public Safety Committee of the Board of Aldermen; and

**WHEREAS**, in recent months St. Louis has been hit by an increasing number of severe storms some producing tornados, large hail and damaging high winds that has affected the City and its residents making good emergency planning and recovery efforts crucial; and

**WHEREAS**, in light of these recent storms and the coming “tornado season” it is imperative that the St Louis Board of Aldermen have a full understanding and comprehension of the emergency response plan and recovery plan for the City of St. Louis including all updates and recent changes as planned by CEMA.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen for the City of St. Louis that we direct the Public Safety Committee to convene hearings, under its authority, for the purpose of examining and reviewing the City’s emergency response plan for the City of St. Louis as planned by CEMA including any updates and develop recommendations for improvements, if necessary, and we further direct the committee to report its findings to the full Board of Aldermen by Friday, July 15, 2011.

Introduced on the 29th day of April, 2011 by:

**Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward**

Adopted this the 29th day of April, 2011 as attested by:

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David W. Sweeney  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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President, Board of Aldermen