

RESOLUTION NO. 27
Rusty Watson

WHEREAS, Mr. Rusty Watson, a native of St. Louis now living in Oakland, California, is the consummate professional in both the Music and Fashion industries: in music he is a singer, songwriter, vocal director, instructor, producer, and arranger, and in fashion he is a stylist, costumer, and consultant; and

WHEREAS, Rusty's earliest influences started in St. Louis under the pastorage of the Rev. Donald Hunter, who introduced him to the world of gospel music with such associations as the O'Neal Twins' Interfaith Choir, James Cleveland's Gospel Music Workshop of America convention, and the Revelation Singing Ministry, where he grew to be a vocal director; Rusty's lifelong mentors include Edwin Hawkins and Andre Crouch

WHEREAS, Rusty's career in Fashion began in 1978 for Neiman Marcus as a Fashion Consultant and he has styled many clients from appearances, photo shoots, stage plays and live concert performances; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Watson's credits as a stylist, as a costumer, as a singer, in the theater, as a recording artist, and as a producer are too numerous to list; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Watson has been nominated for a number of awards, including a Grammy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Watson currently serves as the Minister of Music at Love Center Ministries, the National Conference Coordinator for the Edwin Hawkins & Walter Hawkins Music & Arts Love Fellowship Conference, a Vocal Instructor at the Jazz School on the Campus of the University of California at Berkeley.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and honor Rusty Watson and congratulate him on 30 years with the Edwin Hawkins & Walter Hawkins Music & Arts Love Conference; and we direct the Clerk of this Board to prepare a commemorative copy of this Resolution to the end that it may be presented to our honorees at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 13th day of May, 2016, by:

The Honorable Marlene E. Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward

Adopted this the 13th day of May, 2016, as attested:

Timothy O'Connell
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen