

RESOLUTION NUMBER 28

Ms. DeBorah Ahmed

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that Ms. DeBorah Ahmed will be receiving a Cultural Leadership Award at the St. Louis Community Empowerment Foundation's *Salute to Women in Leadership Awards Luncheon* on May 8, 2011; and

WHEREAS, DeBorah Ahmed received her Masters of Science in Policy Analysis from Southern Illinois University in 1989, and a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology from Grinnell College in 1977. Ms. Ahmed has also served as a guest lecturer/presenter at Washington University, University of Missouri at St. Louis, and St. Louis University for various cultural, civic and social organizations, and at elementary and secondary educational institutions; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ahmed currently serves as Senior Vice President of Cultural Programs/Cultural Center & Museum for Better Family Life, taking on the position of Executive Director upon the center's 2011 opening; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ahmed has more than 26 years of work in the performing arts and non-profit arts and is the Founding Artistic Director of Rhythms in Anoa Dance. She focuses her 45-year background in dance in the area of Afrocentric aesthetics, specializing in the cultures, dance and music of that area of West Afrika formerly known as the Empire of Mali.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Ms. DeBorah Ahmed and we wish her 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 29th day of April, 2010 by:

Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderman 19th Ward

Adopted this the 29th day of April, 2010 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen