

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 31**

**Pastor Jeff C. Perry**

**WHEREAS**, St. Louis Family Church was founded in 1988, and is now a diverse congregation of more than 3,000 people from all ages and walks of life; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Louis Family Church was born in the heart of founding pastor, Jeff C. Perry, when he was living in the Chesterfield area in 1977. Eleven years later, after he completed Bible school, served as a missionary, and worked faithfully in the ministry, Pastor Jeff and his wife Patsy held Family Church's first service in June 1988, with 128 people; and

**WHEREAS**, for the next few years they moved to new locations as they outgrew old ones, meeting every Friday night and eventually adding a Sunday morning service. Finally, in the spring of 1993, St. Louis Family Church moved into their own building; and

**WHEREAS**, just a few months later, they were "evicted" by the Great Flood of '93 when the Missouri River submerged Chesterfield Valley in more than nine feet of water. Undaunted, they strapped on their boots and gloves, grabbed some shovels and started to clean up; and

**WHEREAS**, in the spring of 1994, they reclaimed the land and buildings God had given them, more determined than ever to reach their generation; and

**WHEREAS**, Service International teamed up with St. Louis Family Church to distribute groceries to families in St. Louis for the Annual Love The Neighborhood — Build A Bag in December 2010. Nearly 500 volunteers braved the cold weather to hand-deliver nearly 3,000 bags filled with all the makings for a delicious Christmas dinner, in all; it was enough food to feed more than 14,000 people! The volunteers also gave out \$79,000 worth of diapers and baby supplies; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 7, 2010 Service International partnered with St. Louis Family Church for an exciting and memorable day for the people of the 27<sup>th</sup> Ward and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward. Nearly 6000 people attended the summer Love the Neighborhood event. The event has been held since 2009. 700 volunteers worked hard to give a special day to their St. Louis neighbors, 1400 families were served, dental volunteers saw 373 children and gave \$28,000 in free dental care, about 3500 children received shoes and back-to-school backpacks filled with supplies and 9800 pieces/sets of clothes were distributed.

**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 many contributions of Pastor Jeff C. Perry to the City of St. Louis and wish him continued accomplishment, success and achievement and we direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to further prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

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

**Honorable Dionne Flowers, Alderwoman 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward**

Honorable Gregory Carter, Alderman 27th 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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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen