

Resolution Number 36
DeAngelo Ward

WHEREAS, First Lady Michelle Obama announced one year ago an ambitious national goal of solving the challenge of childhood obesity within a generation so that children born today will reach adulthood at a healthy weight. In response to this announcement, the campaign known as *Let's Move* has been adopted by cities across the United States; and

WHEREAS, her concern over childhood obesity stems from the fact over the past three decades, childhood obesity rates in America have tripled, and today, nearly one in three children in America are overweight or obese. One third of all children born in 2000 or later will suffer from diabetes at some point in their lives; many others will face chronic obesity-related health problems like heart disease, high blood pressure, cancer, and asthma; and

WHEREAS, Missouri has been rated the 9th worst state for childhood obesity. According to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, 29% of high school students are overweight or obese and 31% of those ages 10 to 17 are overweight; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis City, a newly recognized *Let's Move City*, has taken up the challenge to address childhood obesity. Through several programs and initiatives, *Let's Move* has worked diligently to empower students, parents, teachers and the community with the tools, knowledge and confidence to adopt healthier lifestyle choice and seek ways to become physically fit; and

WHEREAS, *Let's Move St. Louis* will promote opportunities for physical activity, access to healthy, affordable food and quality affordable health care, utilizing a variety of coeducational prevention and intervention mediums while increase community awareness and development; and

WHEREAS, DeAngelo Ward has contributed the betterment of the St. Louis region through involvement in *Let's Move St. Louis*.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize *Let's Move St. Louis* and DeAngelo Ward for their efforts to end childhood obesity and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to include a copy of this Resolution in the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a memorial copy for presentation at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on May 6th, 2011 by:

Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen
Honorable Samuel Moore, Alderman 4th Ward
Honorable Jeffrey Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward
Honorable Frank Williamson, Alderman 26th Ward

Adopted May 6th, 2011 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen