

**RESOLUTION NO. 43**  
**Women's and Social Justice Issues**

**WHEREAS**, the City of St. Louis is a community enriched by its diversity; and

**WHEREAS**, social disparities nevertheless continue to exist across key indicators of success in the City of St. Louis, including health, education, criminal justice, the environment, employment and the economy; and

**WHEREAS**, such disparities have long been discussed and attempted to be addressed including, but not limited to the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution giving women the right to vote, via the Civil Rights Act of 1964, with the enactment of 1990's Americans with Disabilities Act and in the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in Obergefell v. Hodges which recognized marriage between same-sex couples; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2016, the Board of Aldermen adopted Resolution 207, which directs the Engrossment, Rules, Resolutions and Credentials Committee to hold hearings to discuss the merits and possible development of a racial equity lens, approach, structure and/or process for the St. Louis Board of Aldermen and the City of St. Louis; and

**WHEREAS**, a discussion on women's issues and social justice work would complement the issues outlined in Resolution 207 and further expand the City of St. Louis' effort to ensure equity for all.

**WHEREAS**, there have been a diversity of approaches toward ending a wide variety of disparities enacted in various municipalities throughout the country, including Madison, Wisconsin; Seattle, Washington; Portland, Oregon; and New York City.

**WHEREAS**, the importance of addressing issues of inequity will improve this region, and the City of St. Louis in particular, and merits a review and discussion by this honorable Board of Aldermen.

**NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED**, that the Health and Human Services Committee of the St. Louis Board of Aldermen hold hearings to discuss the merits and possible development of a subcommittee or standing committee for the St. Louis Board of Aldermen and the City of St. Louis regarding women's and social justice issues and that the Health and Human Services Committee report its findings and/or recommendations to the Board.

Introduced this 3rd day of June, 2016, by:

**The Honorable Christine Ingrassia Alderwoman 6th Ward**  
**The Honorable Megan Green, Alderwoman 15th Ward**

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016, as attested by:

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Timothy O'Connell  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen