

**RESOLUTION NO. 69**

**Brenda Clayton-Davis**

**WHEREAS**, the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, Inc. has selected 14 distinguished women to be honored at the *Salute to Women in Leadership Gala* celebrated on Friday, June 17, 2016, and held at the Marriott St. Louis Grand Hotel in downtown St. Louis, Missouri; and

**WHEREAS**, the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, Inc., under the leadership of its President and CEO, Michael McMillan, strives to enhance the lives of individuals within the entire Metropolitan area of St. Louis and St. Clair and Madison Counties in Illinois by focusing on self empowerment through 26 programs fostering education, economic and social services, neighborhood stabilization, and the recognition of outstanding women who have gone beyond the call of duty in service to the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Brenda Clayton-Davis is the recipient of the Salute to Women in Leadership Urban League Guild Member of the Year Award for her tireless work in her community; and

**WHEREAS**, Brenda Clayton Davis joined the Urban League Guild of Metropolitan St. Louis in 2000, under the leadership of the late, much-loved Ida Woolfolk; she served on the committees of Community Outreach, Membership, Development, Jazz Brunch, Health Fair, My Sister's Closet, Guild Choir, the Meda P. Washington Night Out, and Executive Board Member of the Guild for several years; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Clayton Davis was destined to serve and give to others; as an elementary student, she had a clear understanding of, "Love Thy Neighbor," and the importance of keeping a vital entity of her community alive; with the permission and support of her parents, Brenda took her saved allowance and prepared meals and served those who gave of themselves tirelessly to keep Homer G. Phillips Hospital open; she continued with this attitude through high school and college; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Clayton Davis left the corporate world and dedicated herself to work with non-for-profits and the homeless population; she held the positions of Living Skills Teacher, Living Skills Coordinator, Manager, and Director at St. Patrick Center; under her leadership the Living Skills program had a 96% graduation rate and a two year follow-up retention rate of 98%; she has distinguished herself in countless ways by her service to others; and

**WHEREAS**, our region owes its greatness to the tireless efforts and lofty standards of leading women such as Brenda Clayton-Davis, recipient of the Salute to Women in Leadership Urban League Guild Member of the Year Award for her career achievements, who has demonstrated a dedicated, altruistic commitment to her fellow citizens.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Brenda Clayton-Davis as a Salute to Women in Leadership Urban League Guild Member of the Year Award Honoree, and we wish our honoree continued success, achievement, and accomplishment. 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 honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 17th day of June, 2016, by:

**The Honorable Marlene E. Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward**

Adopted this the 17th day of June, 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