

RESOLUTION NUMBER 71
MOKAN PRE-APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM GRADUATION

WHEREAS, Mokan is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1974 with a mission to assist minority contractors in increasing workforce opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Mokan has been servicing the St. Louis community through efforts which resulted in the establishment of Executive Order #28 setting goals of 25% minority business participation and 5% female business participation. In addition, Executive Orders #75 and #46 lead to the establishment of workforce goals of 25% minority workers, 5% female workers, 20% city residents and 15% apprentices; and

WHEREAS, in April of 2015 Mokan received a grant from Electro Savings and Credit Union to sponsor its first pre-apprenticeship class; and

WHEREAS, in May of 2015 Mokan began its first pre-apprentice program class with 23 students in partnership with Electro and SLATE; and

WHEREAS, Mokan's pre-apprenticeship program is aimed to address the low numbers of non-traditional construction workers within the local construction trades; and

WHEREAS, Mokan's pre-apprenticeship program is comprised of 8 weeks of training; targeting core essential life skills, work ethic, hands on tool exploration, physical fitness, mathematic strengthening, and construction safety; and

WHEREAS, after implementing this rigorous 8-week curriculum, Mokan will graduate 16 men and women on June 26, 2015.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations recognize the Mokan Pre-Apprenticeship Program Graduation 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 June 26, 2015 by:

Honorable Freeman Bosley, Sr., Alderman 3rd Ward

Adopted June 26, 2015 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen