

**RESOLUTION NO. 73**  
**PrideFest 2017**

**WHEREAS**, the St. Louis Board of Aldermen recognizes the occasion of a most significant annual event, *PrideFest 2017* and acknowledges the dedication of Pride St. Louis, Inc. for more than 30 years of raising awareness, understanding, and acceptance of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Louis Lesbian & Gay Pride Celebration Committee was born in 1979; the first St. Louis Gay and Lesbian Pride Celebration occurred in 1980; the event was sponsored by the Magnolia Committee – named for the street where the majority of the members lived and had their meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, the combined effort with a second organization resulted in a week worth of activities held in April of 1980; at the end of the week, hundreds gathered for, “The Lesbians and Gays Walk for Charity,” which began on Lindell Boulevard in the Central West End and ended at Washington University’s quadrangle; the two combined groups then became the St. Louis Lesbian & Gay Pride Celebration Committee; and began a tradition which is still strong today in St. Louis; and

**WHEREAS**, June is now known as Gay and Lesbian Pride Month; since the first PrideFest in 1981, the event has grown in size, attendance and scope; PrideFest allows people to feel proud of who they are and provides people with a safe place to be who they wish to be.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to applaud Pride St. Louis, Inc. for PrideFest 2017. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to prepare a commemorative copy of this Resolution to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsors.

Introduced on the 23rd day of June, 2017, by:

**The Honorable Shane Cohn, Alderman 25th ward**  
**The Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen**  
**The Honorable Dionne Flowers, Alderwoman 2nd Ward**  
**The Honorable Jack Coatar, Alderman 7th Ward**  
**The Honorable Stephen Conway, Alderman 8th Ward**  
**The Honorable Dan Guenther, Alderman 9th Ward**  
**The Honorable Sarah Wood Martin, Alderwoman 11th Ward**  
**The Honorable Larry Arnowitz, Alderman 12th Ward**  
**The Honorable Beth Murphy., Alderwoman 13th Ward**  
**The Honorable Carol Howard, Alderwoman 14th Ward**  
**The Honorable Megan Green, Alderwoman 15th Ward**  
**The Honorable Tom Oldenburg, Alderman 16th Ward**  
**The Honorable Joseph Roddy, Alderman 17th Ward**  
**The Honorable Marlene E. Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward**  
**The Honorable Cara Spencer, Alderwoman 20th Ward**

Adopted the 23rd day of June, 2017, as attested by:

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Donna Evans Booker  
Assistant Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen