

**Resolution Number 88**  
**Rosie Willis**

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Rosie Willis has distinguished herself as a committed and diligent community leader in the City of St. Louis; and

**WHEREAS**, she has shown decades of love and devotion to her beloved Jeff-Vander-Lou neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, Rosie has served capably as a member of the Board of Director's of the historic Jeff-Vander-Lou Corporation for many years and before that she served in the private sector as a distinguished job developer; and

**WHEREAS**, she then transitioned into a successful career as an entrepreneur by owning and operating a home-based child development center and it was there she became a professional storyteller; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Rosie Willis is widely known as a devout community volunteer; she assisted the JVL NOM team, Whole New Area, the JVL Juneteenth celebration, as well as countless other activities and programs; and

**WHEREAS**, she had a dream to develop a community garden for the JVL community which has become to be known as the Fresh Starts Community Garden; and

**WHEREAS**, Rosie has assumed the position of garden manager of the Fresh Starts Community Garden and has contributed countless hours to the garden's maintenance and growth while educating the residents on the importance of nutrition and healthy eating; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to join the many friends of Rosie Willis, a true champion in the JVL community, and thank her for her many contributions, and we 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 this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2015 by:

**Honorable Freeman Bosley, Sr., Alderman 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward**  
**Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen**

Adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2015 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