

Resolution Number 89
PrideFest 2014

WHEREAS, Pride St. Louis is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization “dedicated to increasing the awareness of the general public to the presence of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) individuals in the community in an effort to eliminate prejudice and achieve harmony”; and

WHEREAS, Pride St. Louis and PrideFest, under the leadership of Board President Matt Harper, serves to unify the community in a spirit of diversity and tolerance; and

WHEREAS, Pride St. Louis has, for over thirty years, organized highly successful Pride celebrations for the St. Louis community, including PrideFest, which is held at the end of the month of June each year to commemorate the beginning of the modern LGBT rights movement that followed the Stonewall Riots in 1969; and

WHEREAS, this year’s PrideFest, titled “Unity, Diversity, and History” will be hosted at Soldier’s Memorial in Downtown St. Louis on June 28-29, 2014; and

WHEREAS, this year’s Grand Marshal, coming all the way from California, will consist of the Original Members of the Magnolia Committee, a group that became known as St. Louis Lesbian & Gay Pride Celebration Committee, born in 1979- named for the street where the majority of the members lived and had their meetings ; and

WHEREAS, the PrideFest celebration that attracts in excess of 100,000 attendees from across the St. Louis region and the entire country, will be held in the shadow of the Civil Courts Building, a symbol for justice and equality in the City of St. Louis.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and thank Pride St. Louis for their dedication to the advancement of the LGBT community in the City of St. Louis. 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 presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 27th day of June, 2013 by:

Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen

Honorable Dionne Flowers, Alderwoman 2nd Ward
Honorable Freeman Bosley, Sr., Alderman 3rd Ward
Honorable Tammika Hubbard, Alderwoman 5th Ward
Honorable Christine Ingrassia, Alderwoman 6th Ward
Honorable Phyllis Young, Alderwoman 7th Ward
Honorable Stephen J. Conway, Alderman 8th Ward
Honorable Kenneth A. Ortmann, Alderman 9th Ward
Honorable Joseph Vollmer, Alderman 10th Ward
Honorable Thomas Villa, Alderman 11th Ward
Honorable Larry Arnowitz, Alderman 12th Ward
Honorable Beth Murphy, Alderwoman 13th Ward
Honorable Carol Howard, Alderwoman 14th Ward
Honorable Jennifer Florida, Alderwoman 15th Ward
Honorable Donna Baringer, Alderwoman 16th Ward
Honorable Joseph Roddy, Alderman 17th Ward
Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward
Honorable Marlene E. Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward
Honorable Craig Schmid, Alderman 20th Ward
Honorable Antonio D. French, Alderman 21st Ward
Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward
Honorable Joseph Vaccaro, Alderman 23rd Ward
Honorable Shane Cohn, Alderman 25th Ward
Honorable Chris Carter, Alderman 27th Ward
Honorable Lyda Krewson, Alderwoman 28th Ward

Adopted this the 27th day of June, 2013 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen