

**Resolution Number 91
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity**

WHEREAS, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity was founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C., January 9, 1914, by three young African-American male students. The Founders, Honorable A. Langston Taylor, Honorable Leonard F. Morse, and Honorable Charles I. Brown, wanted to organize a Greek letter fraternity that would truly exemplify the ideals of brotherhood, scholarship; and

WHEREAS, The Founders deeply wished to create an organization that viewed itself as “a part of” the general community rather than “apart from” the general community. They believed that each potential member should be judged by his own merits, rather than his family background or affluence...without regard to race, nationality, skin tone or texture of hair. They desired for their fraternity to exist as part of an even greater brotherhood which would be devoted to the “inclusive we” rather than the “exclusive we”; and

WHEREAS, from its inception, the Founders also conceived Phi Beta Sigma as a mechanism to deliver services to the general community. Rather than gaining skills to be utilized exclusively for themselves and their immediate families, they held a deep conviction that they should return their newly acquired skills to the communities from which they had come. This deep conviction was mirrored in the Fraternity’s motto, “Culture for Service and Service for Humanity”; and

WHEREAS, Today, Phi Beta Sigma has blossomed into an international organization of leaders. No longer a single entity, members of the Fraternity have been instrumental in the establishment of the Phi Beta Sigma National Foundation, the Phi Beta Sigma Federal Credit Union and The Sigma Beta Club Foundation.; and

WHEREAS, The brothers of Phi Beta Sigma are the Fraternity’s most valuable resource and strength. They are the primary means by which the Phi Beta Sigma objectives will be achieved. In order to accomplish the Fraternity’s objectives, it is essential that systems are instituted that effectively embody “Culture for Service and Service for Humanity” and promote brotherhood, scholarship; and

WHEREAS, To optimize Phi Beta Sigma’s effectiveness, the Fraternity will Strengthen and serve proactively the brotherhood, as a supportive resource that positively impacts the Fraternity’s growth and financial solvency. Reaffirm and maintain a strong commitment to brotherhood, scholarship and service. Ensure that the Fraternity programs are focused and committed to serving humanity. Create an environment that respects the dignity and worth of each brother. Exhibit integrity and ethical behavior in conducting the Fraternity’s business, serving as a model for all Greek-letter organizations. Maintain and improve the Fraternity’s technological literacy, in order to better service its members and the community at large. Encourage a closer and mutually beneficial working relationship with fellow Greek-letter organizations, other community service organizations, businesses and government. Select leaders who are committed and have demonstrated their ability to lead.

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 honor the members Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and we thank them for their tireless efforts for over 100 years of excellence and on behalf of the citizens of this community we direct the Clerk of this Board to prepare a commemorative copy of this Resolution to the end that it may be presented to our honorees at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 28th day of June, 2014 by:

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

Adopted this the 28th day of June, 2014 as attested:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen