

**RESOLUTION NO. 95**

**Laura Gilbert**

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Laura Gilbert is the Vice President of Community Development at Commerce Bank and Treasurer of the Gateway Greening Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, for more than two decades, Laura Gilbert has been a champion for Gateway Greening as the organization has grown and impacted many communities throughout St. Louis; and

**WHEREAS**, her focus on community development and citizen-managed open spaces helped direct Gateway Greening's approach to urban agriculture; and

**WHEREAS**, Laura served in many capacities with Gateway Greening, including as board chair, and on numerous committees, including the Executive Committee, where she currently serves as Treasurer; and

**WHEREAS**, Laura's wisdom, understanding, and attention to detail have guided Gateway Greening and have drawn the admiration of others around her; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gateway Greening Whitmire Award was established in 2012 and is named for Peg and Blanton Whitmire; the award is given annually to a volunteer, donor, or supporter that has shown extraordinary dedication to the advancement of the organization; and

**WHEREAS**, Gateway Greening will be publicly thanking Laura for her dedication on Sunday, September 11, 2016, at Gateway Greening's 19th annual Chefs in a Garden Gala at the Four Seasons Hotel, where the group will bestow upon her the Gateway Greening Whitmire Award.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to thank Ms. Laura Gilbert for her many contributions to our community and to congratulate her for being awarded Gateway Greening's 2016 Whitmire Award. 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 be presented at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 9th day of September, 2016, by:

**The Honorable Marlene E. Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward**

Adopted the 9th day of September, 2016, as attested by:

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Timothy O'Connell  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen