

RESOLUTION NUMBER 98
Paying Attention To Our Youth

WHEREAS, members of Paying Attention To Our Youth inspire the citizens of the St. Louis Metropolitan Area with the advocacy, education, outreach, research and support that gives rise to youth that are productive members of family, community, and society; and

WHEREAS, at-risk, low income youth are more likely than other populations of youth to become involved in criminal activities, drop out of school, become gang members, contract STD's and experience teenage parenthood; and

WHEREAS, youth advocates, educators, mentors, tutors, and youth service providers play a leading role in shaping the lives of youth in terms of responsibility, self-worth, self esteem family-community-society productive behaviors, and role models for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Paying Attention To Our Youth, in collaboration with the Pioneers Culture Center; Sister Clara Muhammad School, Jinna Corporation, Saint Louis Public Schools and other area youth-serving agencies, have advocated for and promoted anti-gang initiatives as a gang abatement model that results in safe and secure families and communities; and

WHEREAS, Paying Attention To Our Youth has taken on the charge of President Barack Obama by partnering in activities with agencies and organizations that heighten awareness of what Americans can do to prevent and control crime and violence among youth populations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Paying Attention To Our Youth and 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 to our honorees at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 26th day of May, 2011 by:

Honorable Freeman Bosley, Sr., Alderman 3rd Ward

Adopted this the 26th day of May, 2011 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen