

RESOLUTION NUMBER 106

Nelson Mandela Legacy Celebration and African Diaspora Council Inauguration

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the St. Louis Board of Aldermen that the African Diaspora Council (ADC) will host its Inaugural activities and Nelson Mandela Celebration this Friday, July 18 through Sunday, July 20, 2014 in the City of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, the African Diaspora Council, Inc 501 (c)(3) is a not for profit organization engaged in community development and has as its mission to alleviate poverty through cooperative economics and to bring people together based on the belief that diversity gives strength; and

WHEREAS, as ADC, Inc. moves toward its mission of unifying people of African descent across social and economic lines it strives to create integrated, sustainable, productive communities and cooperation within and between these communities; and

WHEREAS, ADC, Inc. has as its main goals the formation of an African Diaspora Cultural Center and an African Diaspora Credit Union initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the cultural center will be the entry point for African Diaspora Council, Inc.'s collaboration among community members, the city, contractors, media, tourists and other interested parties and will serve as a platform, help create new forums, expand training activities, create a network of groups, strengthen social solidarity and contribute to implementing community improvement programs in African Diaspora Communities throughout the United States and in the world; and

WHEREAS, the African Diaspora Credit Union is a not-for-profit financial institution initiated whose members shall pool their resources together as shareholders to make personalized financial services easily accessible for strengthening themselves and their community. It shall also enable the African Diaspora communities to participate in self-help concept initiatives, wealth building, wealth management opportunities and educational programs, which will benefit communities.

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 applaud the Nelson Mandela Legacy Celebration and African Diaspora Council Inauguration 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 on the 18th day of July, 2014 by:

Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward

Adopted this the 18th day of July, 2014 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen