

**RESOLUTION NO. 109**  
**Fratellanza Society**  
**150th Anniversary**

**WHEREAS**, the Fratellanza Society will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary on November 12, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fratellanza Society is the oldest Italian American organization in the United States; the Fratellanza Society was founded in St. Louis on November 12, 1866, as a fraternal and benevolent society under the name Società Unione e Fratellanza Italiana (Italian Fraternal Union); and

**WHEREAS**, the Fratellanza Society was started to help Italian immigrants acclimate into American society; over time the purpose has changed, and now the focus is promoting Italian heritage and building fraternal bonds among their members; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fratellanza Society will be hosting an anniversary banquet on November 12, 2016, and Giuseppe Finocchiaro, the Italian Consul General, will be attending the banquet.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen for the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the milestone of the 150th anniversary of the Fratellanza Society, thank the organization for its many contributions to the City of St. Louis and to the world. We further direct the Clerk of the Board to prepare a commemorative copy of this Resolution 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 Joseph Vaccaro, Alderman 23rd 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