

**RESOLUTION NO. 119**  
**Honoring the Life of Darren LaShawn Seals, Jr.**

**WHEREAS**, Darren LaShawn “Man Man” Seals, Jr., was born on the 15th day of May in 1987, the son of Mary Elizabeth Otis and Darren LaShawn Seals, Sr.; and

**WHEREAS**, Darren was a factory line-worker and hip hop artist turned social justice activist, a transformation inspired by the Ferguson movement; and

**WHEREAS**, that same year Seals took his passion and protest from the streets of Ferguson to the national stage as a co-founder of Hands Up United and committed himself to bringing justice to the Brown family and to ending police brutality everywhere; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout his life, Seals used his voice to empower and inspire others; whether from behind a megaphone or a microphone, Seals spoke honestly and forcefully about the oppression and injustice he witnessed around him and dedicated his life to improving the community he loved; and

**WHEREAS**, as we honor Darren’s life and contributions, we’re confident that the sadness felt this day will ignite a newfound passion in young people throughout this community who will carry a torch in his honor and who will dedicate themselves to his fight to end violence and share his dream for a just, prosperous, and united St. Louis.

***NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED*** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the life and legacy of Darren LaShawn Seals, Jr. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to include a copy of this Resolution in the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a memorial copy for presentation at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 16th day of September, 2016, by:

**The Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President, St. Louis Board of Aldermen**

Adopted the 16th 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