

Resolution Number 125
Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

WHEREAS, prostate cancer is the most common cancer affecting men; and

WHEREAS, African American men, 35 and older, are 56% more likely to be diagnosed with prostate cancer and 2.5 times more likely to die from prostate cancer; and

WHEREAS, The Empowerment Network, Inc. promotes “early detection is key” for the effective management of prostate cancer by becoming a part of the Prostate Cancer Awareness Coalition, a program that offers Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) screening; and

WHEREAS, The Empowerment Network, Inc. since its inception in 2007 has heightened prostate cancer awareness and education in the St. Louis community by assisting and supporting thousands of men and their families; and

WHEREAS, in his 2014 Presidential Proclamation, President Barack Obama stated in part that “As part of the Affordable Care Act, more options for quality, affordable health coverage available and new protections are in place, expanding access to life-saving care for millions of Americans, including those impacted by prostate cancer. Insurance companies can no longer deny coverage due to a pre-existing condition, such as cancer, or deny participation in an approved clinical trial for any life-threatening disease. Men fighting prostate cancer are no longer faced with annual or lifetime dollar limits on coverage that could disrupt their treatments”; and

WHEREAS, let us also rededicate our efforts in honor of Alderman Gregory Carter, who was a strong and faithful supporter of The Empowerment Network as well as an advocate, and a champion for prostate cancer awareness.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Prostate Cancer Awareness Month 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 honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 12th day of September, 2014 by:

Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen
Honorable Chris Carter, Alderman 27th Ward

Adopted this the 12th day of September, 2014 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen