

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 134**

**Eileen Wolfington**

**WHEREAS**, the Hispanic Leaders Group is bestowing the The Anthony B. Ramirez Premio Esperanza (Hope Award) which was established by the group in honor of the late Anthony B. Ramirez, founder of HLG and creator of the award. The purpose of the award is to acknowledge those that have contributed significantly to the Hispanic community in such fields as business, community service (health, social welfare, and housing), culture and the arts, education, human rights, and public office; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2013 recipient is Eileen Wolfington. Chosen for her passion, drive, dedication to professional excellence and selflessness by donating hundreds of hours to the betterment of the Hispanic community in both Illinois and Missouri. She has served on a panel for the Hispanic Safe Communities Conference in St. Clair County, Illinois Regional Office of Education and participated in the “Immigrants In Our Midst” Program. Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Eileen is highly respected in many communities on both sides of the Metro-east region. She was instrumental in co-founding P.L.A.N., the Professional Latino Action Network, a grassroots organization which serves as a conduit to link various agencies and business organizations in order to enable the Hispanic population to have their needs met more efficiently. She has conducted financial literacy classes, assisted serving as a translator for the processing of matriculas and passports with the Mexican Consulate at various venues, assisted the Hispanic community at Our Lady of Guadalupe, Santa Cecilia, and other churches, serving in diverse capacities; and

**WHEREAS**, Eileen exemplifies the Hispanic Leaders Group Mission Statement! She is an excellent representative, a strong and supportive voice and keeps abreast of local, state and national issues that impact the Hispanic Community and promotes Hispanic views on various issues such as education, culture, language, immigration, policy analysis, health, political awareness and civil rights and continuously advocates on behalf of communities and people she serves. She facilitates harmonious and diverse relationships and is a positive, untiring, dynamic, energetic and influential person who focuses her lively, vibrant and loving Hispanic energy and resources to serve as a prominent and well-respected voice in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, Eileen currently works at Casa de Salud. An organization that delivers high quality clinical and mental health services for uninsured and underinsured patients, focusing on new immigrants and refugees who encounter barriers to accessing other sources of care; and

**WHEREAS**, Eileen is an accomplished dancer and has participated in the Festival of Nations in Tower Grove Park in the La Morena performance, has offered free cultural dance workshops with student teachers and to this day performs traditional Hispanic event for all to learn from; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2013 award will be presented during a special ceremony on Friday, October 18, 2013 at the Center for Global Citizenship on the campus of Saint Louis University

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate Eileen Wolfington on her recognition and we wish her continued success and achievement 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 11th day of October, 2013 by:

**Honorable Donna Baringer, Alderwoman 16th Ward**

Adopted this the 11th day of October, 2013 as attested by:

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David W. Sweeney  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen