

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 143**

**Carmelo (Mel) Desemone**

**WHEREAS**, Carmelo (Mel) Desemone has lived a life dedicated to serving others, born and raised in St. Louis by his parents, Charles and Mary Desemone; his grandfather came to America from the town of Campobello de Mazara in Sicily; his grandmother came from Castelvetro in Sicily; his grandfather served in the American Army in World War I; in America, his grandfather's family name was changed from DeSimone to Desemone; his grandfather was granted American citizenship after his honorable discharge from the military; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Desemone is a second-generation Italian American; he was graduated from the Nativity of Our Lord Grade School and DeAndreis High School; Mr. Desemone earned a Bachelor of Business Management and Business Management degree from Webster University; Mr. Desemone is the proud father of two children, Vickie Desemone-Minnella and Adam Desemone, and the proud grandfather of seven grandchildren, Andrew, Jessica and Juliana Minnella, and Josie, Mia, Bella, and Charles Desemone; and

**WHEREAS**, as a young man in 1974 he became a policeman for the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department and served the City of St. Louis for over 34 years; he obtained the rank of Sergeant before his retirement in 2008; during his tenure with the department, he served on the Police Chief's staff on the Command Post, as supervisor for the Personnel Division, and as the Commander of Operational Planning, as well as serving in assignments to district patrol; and

**WHEREAS**, since his retirement, Mr. Desemone has dedicated himself to serving the Italian-American community of St. Louis; he is currently serving as the treasurer of the Sicilian Cultural Association; for several years he was the secretary of the Columbus Parade Committee, which hosts the Columbus Parade and Festival on the Hill; in fact he was instrumental in this organization changing its name to the Italian American Heritage Corporation; he played a significant role in restructuring this organization which has resulted in an improved festival.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we happily pause in our deliberations to recognize and thank Carmelo (Mel) Desemone for his years of service at the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, his years of service to the Italian-American community, and his years of service to the St. Louis community as a whole and further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the permanent rolls of this Board and to prepare a commemorative copy of this Resolution to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 4th day of December, 2015 by:

**The Honorable Joseph Vaccaro, Alderman 23rd Ward.**

Adopted this the 4th day of December, 2015 as attested by:

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Timothy G. O'Connell  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen