

Resolution Number 151
Domestic Violence Awareness Month

WHEREAS, an estimated 1.3 million women are victims of intimate partner violence each year; and

WHEREAS, young women between the ages of 16-24 are most at risk of abuse, one in four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime; and

WHEREAS, in the Spring of 2012 in the City of St. Louis five women and one infant were victims of domestic homicide; and

WHEREAS, young women are not the only individuals at risk, estimates indicate that one million Americans 60 years of age or older are abused in their homes annually while only one in fourteen is ever reported; and

WHEREAS, Missouri law enforcement agencies recorded 41,526 domestic violence incidents this past year; and

WHEREAS, all city residents must work together to educate our population about what can be done to prevent domestic violence and sexual assault and;

WHEREAS, residents need to work to increase support to survivors, their significant others, and the agencies that provide services to the survivors; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Park Center for Family Resources housed on the campus of St. Louis Community College at Forest Park, the Steps That Count 5K Race/Walk, Gone But Not Forgotten Program recognizing the victims of domestic homicide, the Awareness Is What's Up Collegiate Awareness Program, Shoes on Their Feet and the Awareness Wristband program with the Mizzou Athletic Department are collaborative efforts of Every Step Counts.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to encourage all city residents to increase domestic violence awareness in our schools, and in our communities. We further direct the Clerk of the 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 19th day of October, 2012 by:

Honorable Jennifer Florida, Alderwoman 15th Ward

Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen

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Adopted this the 19th day of October, 2012, as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen