

RESOLUTION NO. 158
Tower Grove East Neighborhood
Association 50th Anniversary

WHEREAS, the Tower Grove East Neighborhood Association was first incorporated in October 1966, and is celebrating 50 years of volunteer activity creating a diverse urban neighborhood anchored by Tower Grove Park and the South Grand business district; and

WHEREAS, in the past 50 years, Tower Grove East as a neighborhood has experienced significant rehabbing of its housing stock and a resurgence of small businesses in the neighborhood, which has led both to better living conditions for its residents and improved property values and has reversed the decline of the neighborhood and made it desirable as a diverse and welcoming neighborhood for both home owners and renters; and

WHEREAS, Tower Grove East has long strived to be a community that welcomes residents of all races, religions, ethnicities, income levels, and sexual and gender identities and has been a home to refugees from around the globe for decades; and

WHEREAS, the Tower Grove East Neighborhood Association has participated in Fair St. Louis for each year of the Fair's 36 years of existence, providing volunteers to staff a beverage booth at the Fair; and

WHEREAS, the Association held a house tour from at least 1976 to 1993, and participated in the Grand South Grand five-neighborhood house tour from 1994-2011, which included hundreds of homes showing the variety of housing stock available in Tower Grove East and south City, seeking to attract new residents to our neighborhood and to raise funds for Tower Grove Park and other local needs; and

WHEREAS, the Tower Grove East Neighborhood Association made a significant contribution to the beautification of the South Grand area, and to improving traffic safety in the area, by its sponsorship of the South Grand Medians project, and its guardianship of the project over the years; and

WHEREAS, the Tower Grove East Neighborhood Association has actively worked to preserve and support the public schools located in the neighborhood, specifically Shenandoah Elementary School and Roosevelt High School, and other charter and parochial schools located in the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the Tower Grove East Neighborhood Association has made many small grants to local charities over the years; and

WHEREAS, the Tower Grove East Neighborhood Association founded a Community Garden at the corner of Sidney and Virginia in 1999, and the garden actively involves many neighbors with its garden plots, activities, and beautification of that corner lot.

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 50th anniversary of the Tower Grove East Neighborhood Association, and we thank its members for their years of service to our City and our community. 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 commemorative copy for presentation at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 18th day of November, 2016, by:

The Honorable Christine Ingrassia, Alderwoman 6th Ward

Adopted this the 18th day of November, 2016, as attested by:

Timothy O'Connell
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen