

RESOLUTION NO. 179
Mr. Darren “King” Seals

WHEREAS, Mr. Darren “King” Seals was born May 15, 1987 and was murdered on September 6, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Darren graduated from the Riverview School District and worked for General Motors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Seals actively fought for justice in Ferguson, Missouri, and attended many meetings to ensure the voices of the young were heard; he advocated for many organizations and marched through many cities around the country demanding justice for those who could no longer speak for themselves; and

WHEREAS, Darren’s leadership connected to the community; he was named by The Washington Post as “among St. Louis’ most prominent anti-police brutality activists”; and

WHEREAS, he believed in power to the people and urged others to organize and unify to work as one; he also founded “MELENATION” (unify or die); and

WHEREAS, Darren was a co-founder of the St. Louis rap group D.O.A., in which he hoped to promote building strong, positive black men; and

WHEREAS, Darren was instrumental in advocating for troubled youth in the community, he also developed relationships with families struggling with loss and police brutality; and he was well known to media personalities such as Roland Martin and Karen Hunter; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Seals made a difference in people’s lives—he was smart, funny, and a wonderful son who was loved by his family and community; as serious as he was on the street, he was a clown at home and lit up any room he entered.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to express our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Daren “King” Seals and to recognize his many contributions to our society. We direct the Clerk of his Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a memorial copy to the end that it may be presented to our distinguished honoree.

Introduced on the 16th day of December, 2016, by:

The Honorable Freeman Bosley, Sr., Alderman 3rd Ward

Adopted the 16th day of December, 2016, as attested by:

Timothy O’Connell
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen