

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 189**

**CALLING ON AREA LEADERS TO PROMOTE AREA JOBS  
BY EXPANDING THE USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT CENTRALIZED SERVICING  
CENTER'S ABILITY TO SERVICE FEDERAL STUDENT LOANS**

**WHEREAS**, the servicing of student loans is a huge industry; and, because of concerns about high costs and mistreatment of student borrowers, serious consideration is being given towards using a public sector alternative to contractors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Rural Development Centralized Servicing Center at the Goodfellow campus already successfully services loans for rural development, and does so in a manner that effectively balances financial integrity with sensitivity towards borrowers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Education could work with the USDA to establish a pilot project that would allow 5% of the student loan portfolio to be serviced by our talented friends and neighbors at the Goodfellow campus, in which very similar work is already being very capably performed; and

**WHEREAS**, as the pilot project is implemented, it would be a source of meaningful employment for underemployed and unemployed St. Louis-area residents, and it would promote the interests of students and taxpayers by determining whether the federal government can improve the processing of student loans.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Alderman that the Board of Aldermen fully support and promote and urge other local leaders to support and promote efforts to bring meaningful jobs to the recently designated Promise Zone area of north St. Louis City and north St. Louis County, specifically at the Goodfellow Federal Center Complex, by supporting the development of a pilot program run by the Department of Education and the USDA to allow the USDA Rural Development Centralized Servicing Center to take a greater role in servicing federal student loans.

Introduced on the 29th day of January, 2016, by:

**The Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderwoman 22nd Ward**  
**The Honorable Lyda Krewson, Alderwoman 28th Ward**

Adopted the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016, as attested by:

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Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen