

**Resolution Number 200**  
**Rev. Dr. Raphael Gamaliel Warnock**

**Whereas**, Rev. Dr. Raphael Gamaliel Warnock is the recipient of the 2015 Saint Louis University Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Civil Rights Award for nurturing our national community from its roots to a productive future; and,

**Whereas**, Rev. Dr. Raphael Gamaliel Warnock has served, since 2005, as the Senior Pastor of the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, spiritual home of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

**Whereas**, Rev. Dr. Raphael Gamaliel was the son of two Pentecostal pastors, who responded to the call to ministry at a very early age, and became, at age 35, the fifth and the youngest person ever called to the senior pastorate of Ebenezer Church, founded in 1886; and

**Whereas**, Under Pastor Warnock's leadership, more than 3,000 new members have joined Ebenezer, enhancing the Church's legacy of social activism with both spiritual and numerical growth; and

**Whereas**, Rev. Dr. Raphael Gamaliel initiated several new ministries including Worship on Wednesdays (WOW), EbenezerFest, Cutting through Crisis, Faith & Fitness, Jericho Lounge, Young Adult Ministry and After Midnight (A Watch Night Worship Celebration); and

**Whereas**, Rev. Dr. Raphael Gamaliel Warnock through recessions, social and civil challenges he has maintained and enhanced the image of Ebenezer, "America's Freedom Church," as he was also recognized for his individual contributions as author of books and articles.

**Now Therefore be it Resolved** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Rev. Dr. Raphael Gamaliel Warnock and further direct the Clerk of this 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 16th day of January, 2015 by:

**Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward**  
Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen

Adopted this the 16th day of January, 2015 as attested by:

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David W. Sweeney  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen