

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 204**  
**Take 6 and The St. Louis Symphony IN UNISON Chorus**

**WHEREAS**, Take 6 is celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and is the most awarded vocal group in history (10 Grammy Awards, 10 Dove Awards, a Soul Train Award, and more; and

**WHEREAS**, Take 6 (Claude McKnight, Mark Kibble, Joel Kibble, Dave Thomas, Alvin Chea and Khristian Dentley), heralded by Quincy Jones as the "baddest vocal cats on the planet!" is the quintessential a cappella group and model for vocal genius. Six virtuosic voices united in crystal clear harmony, against a backdrop of syncopated rhythms, innovative arrangements, and funky grooves that bubble into an intoxicating brew of gospel, jazz, R&B, and pop; and

**WHEREAS**, created in 1994, The St. Louis Symphony IN UNISON Chorus began as a one-time effort for the performance of Hannibal Peterson's African Portraits. Due to the overwhelmingly positive response, the Chorus has become a permanent part of the Symphony's artistic family. The Chorus performs as part of the Orchestra's season in the annual Black History Month Celebration, as well as in Gospel Christmas and community concerts in various locations around the area; and

**WHEREAS**, under the direction of Robert Ray, the chorus has been featured on CBS Sunday Morning, SLSO Pops and subscription concerts, Summerfest (Classics in the Loop), and made its Carnegie Hall debut in 1998; and

**WHEREAS**, as the philanthropic arm of Monsanto, the Monsanto Fund is providing funding to The St. Louis Symphony IN UNISON Chorus.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Take 6 and The St. Louis Symphony IN UNISON Chorus and we 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 20th of December, 2012 by:

**Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward**

Adopted this the 20th of December, 2012 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