

RESOLUTION NUMBER 216

Kathy Osborn

WHEREAS, Kathy Osborn is Executive Director of the Regional Business Council (RBC) in St. Louis, Missouri. Osborn spearheaded the establishment of the Regional Business Council in 1999; and

WHEREAS, The Regional Business Council is a consortium of presidents and CEOs representing 100 of the region's largest companies. The RBC's mission is to unite and engage members to act on high-impact business, civic and philanthropic affairs for the betterment of the St. Louis region; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, the RBC has played a vital role in the region and is focused on numerous issues including Lambert-St. Louis International Airport, infrastructure funding, workforce development, business diversity and reform of the St. Louis Public Schools system. The RBC's commitment to the community extends to the United Way of Greater St. Louis, for which it has raised more than \$90 million since 2001; and

WHEREAS, Prior to serving in this position, Osborn was Vice Chancellor of University Relations at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Osborn oversaw several major mergers, collaborations and partnerships such as the Southwestern Bell Telecommunity Center and the endowed professorship program. She raised over \$70 million and implemented an extensive regional and national marketing effort; and

WHEREAS, Osborn serves on the Board of Directors for UMB Bank-St. Louis. She is also very active within the St. Louis community and serves on a variety of business and civic boards including: St. Mary's Hospital Community Advisory Board, St. Louis Sports Commission Board and Executive Committee, St. Louis Symphony Orchestra Board of Trustees, Urban League of Greater St. Louis, St. Louis County Economic Council, United Way of Greater St. Louis, St. Louis Airport Commission, St. Louis University Board of Trustees and Executive Committee, St. Louis Police Foundation Board, Forest Park Forever Board and Executive Committee, Eisenhower Fellowships St. Louis International Leadership Initiative Steering Committee and University of Missouri-St. Louis Chancellor's Council; and

WHEREAS, Osborn has received a host of distinguished awards, including: the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year; the St. Louis Business Journal's Most Influential Business Women and the Most Influential's' designation; Recipient of UM-St. Louis Distinguished Alumni Award in 2000; the 1999 University of Missouri Presidential Citation for Alumni Service; YWCA's Women of Achievement Award in 1998; the Links Excellence in Service Award for Outstanding Women Leaders in 2009; Hellenic Spirit Athena Award in 2009; UM-St. Louis Woman Trailblazer Award in 1997; the 1997 John Berry Meachum Award; the 1998 UM-St. Louis School of Education Distinguished Alumna Award; and several others; and

WHEREAS, Osborn received both her undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. In addition, she earned a postgraduate certificate from the Institute for Education Management at Harvard University.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Kathy Osborn and we wish her continued success, achievement and accomplishment 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 honorees at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 11th day of January, 2013 by:

Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderman 19th Ward

Adopted this the 11th day of January, 2013 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen