

Resolution Number 218
Deutscher Männerchor

WHEREAS, Deutscher Männerchor (German Male Chorus), was founded in January 1986 from the members of 4 organizations: Harmony Singing Society; Schwaben Singing Society; Swiss Male Chorus; and Vorwertz Chorus Society; and

WHEREAS, Deutscher Männerchor is composed of gentlemen from diverse background and nationalities whose purpose is to preserve German culture and song; and

WHEREAS, the first president of Deutscher Männerchor was Norbert Cook and first director was Larry Cain (1986-2000); the second director was Doug Potts (2000-05); and the third director is Barry Bierwirth (2005-present); and

WHEREAS, Deutscher Männerchor initially met at the old Schwaben Halle on S. Jefferson, and now meets in the new facility of the German Cultural Society at 3652 S. Jefferson on Thursday nights; and

WHEREAS, for more than 140 years the German choruses in St. Louis have been contributing to the cultural milieu of St. Louis, in addition to the red brick buildings prominent throughout St. Louis and other symbols of German influence and heritage. The German Cultural Society Hall at 3652 S. Jefferson is at the doorstep of the historic Dutchtown Neighborhood, and Stuttgart was the first sister city of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, Deutscher Männerchor will hold its annual Fall Concert and Dance on the second Saturday of October (October 8, 2011) with featured soloist Danielle Krispin to celebrate its 25th Anniversary.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the 25th Anniversary of Deutscher Männerchor and the efforts of the German Cultural Society (Deutscher Kulturverein) at 3652 S. Jefferson to pre-serve German culture and song in St. Louis. We further direct the Clerk of this Board of Aldermen to spread this Resolution across the Minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it might be presented to the Deutscher Männerchor at their annual Fall Concert and Dance on Saturday, October 8, 2011 at Deutscher Kulturverein (German Cultural Society)(3652 S. Jefferson) by the sponsor.

Introduced on the 30th day of September, 2011 by:

Honorable Craig Schmid, Alderman 20th Ward

Adopted this the 30th day of September, 2011 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen