

Resolution Number 233
The Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis

Whereas, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. is proud to announce an exciting new partnership to create a Golden Alert, a social action campaign to counter the injustices plaguing our communities and to help increase cultural education and social responsibility, under the leadership of 23rd International Grand Basileus Bonita M. Herring; and

Whereas, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. Golden Alert Town Hall is coordinated locally by the First International Grand Basileus Deborah Catchings-Smith who is employed with Citibank as Vice President, Operational Risk Management; and St. Louis Metropolitan Area Sigma Gamma Rho alumnae chapter members of Alpha Upsilon Sigma, Eta Mu Sigma and Zeta Sigma join her in this effort; and

Whereas, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.'s main goal is to create collaborations across the country, provide essential inclusive communication exchange and to host a Golden Alert Town Hall Forum that will archive the feedback of the moderators, attendees of all ages and national/local partners; and

Whereas, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. has formed a partnership with rap pioneer Lana "MC Lyte" Moorer (A Sigma soror) and Hip Hop Sisters Foundation, Inc. (HHSF) as a founding member and supporter of the #EducateOURMen movement. The main goal for this unique partnership with MC Lyte is to develop programs for males by providing scholarships and access to career and personal mentoring; and

Whereas, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. has formed a partnership with the National Urban League and its St. Louis Affiliate, the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, in cooperation with its Save Our Sons program. This program provides a Workforce Development-based solution to residents of Ferguson and surrounding North County areas who are unemployed and underemployed African American males ages 17 and older with supportive social service assistance and job security headed by affiliate, Michael P. McMillan, President and CEO; and

Whereas, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., has formed a partnership with the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) to provide education and outreach to youth and adults in our communities pertaining to interaction with law enforcement. NOBLE serves more than 60,000 youth through its major program components which include: Mentoring, Education, Leadership Development and Safety lead by its national president, Dr. Cedric L. Alexander; and

Whereas, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. intends through these partnerships to archive the Golden Alert of leaders and experts combined with those from citizens most impacted by constitutional law and civil law, law enforcement and violent gun control, civic and community engagement, values, youth, and education/jobs/training; The discussion sessions will be videotaped provided by the University of Missouri St. Louis, STL-TV and a hard copy document to be distributed nationally with the results of the Golden Alert Town Hall Forums; and

Whereas, Sigma Gamma Rho has selected St. Louis, MO to host its Golden Alert Town Hall Forum on February 21, 2015 from 8 AM until Noon on the campus of the University of Missouri, St. Louis in the JC Penney Building.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis 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 13th day of February, 2015 by:

Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward

Adopted this the 13th day of February, 2015 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen