

**Resolution Number 235**  
**Marvin Webster Gray**

**WHEREAS**, since the age of 15, Marvin Webster Gray, Marvelous Entertainment, Inc. CEO and national promoter, has been immersed in the entertainment industry by working with his father, the legendary Lewis Gray, and his company Lewis Gray Productions. Lewis was the pioneer of black promoters in the United States having made his mark with routing and mounting the famous "Motown Revue." Lewis believed in the strength of the promoter and as such he properly trained his son Marvin in the business; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout his rise in the business Marvin worked with many great artists such as Luther Vandross, Anita Baker, Marvin Gaye Ashford & Simpson, Stevie Wonder Natalie Cole, Aretha Franklin, The Jacksons, The Temptations and James Brown. When Lewis Gray passed in 1989, the business was firmly planted in Marvin's lap. Marvin formed Marvelous Entertainment, Inc. and continued promoting concerts and plays in the tradition of his famous father. In 1990 MEI expanded its scope when Marvin became the exclusive national promoter for Michael Matthew's gospel plays and dedicated much of his resources to the promotion of Christian based entertainment; and

**WHEREAS**, today, Marvin Webster Gray and Marvelous Entertainment promotes and produces the variety of playwrights, authors, actors and musicians. Through his company, Marvin entertains millions across the country. Though his life has been devoted to staging the best in family entertainment he is always giving something back to the people; and

**WHEREAS**, Marvelous Entertainment prides itself in working with federal, state and local government agencies, radio and television stations, print stations, non-profit groups, the Links, the Alphas, the Deltas, the AKAs, the Black Doctors Associations, the Black Nurse Associations, 100 Black Men, 100 Black Women, the Black Police Association, the Black Firefighters Association, the Black Doctors Association, the Urban League, NAACP, Post Office Workers, Teachers' Unions and the Interdenominational Ministers Organizations and Alliances to help educate a grossly under-served of Christians and Non-Christians who are starved for family entertainment that reflects their lifestyle; and

**WHEREAS**, for every successful event he promotes, Marvin Webster Gray makes it a personal rule to give back far more than he ever receives. He gives full credit for his rise to his parents and his grandmother, his uncles and his lovely wife Marcia for standing by him during difficult times: and always Jesus Christ. "It is through these people that God continues to work his blessings," says Marvin. As MEI moves deeper into the new millennium, Marvin Webster Gray and his growing list of partners and associates have no plans to slow down. "I can do all things through Christ which strengthen me," says Marvin Webster Gray. "In fact that is the only way I can progress."

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to Marvin Webster Gray 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 21st day of October, 2011 by

**Honorable Dionne Flowers, Alderwoman 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward**

Adopted this the 21st day of October, 2011 as attested:

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David W. Sweeney  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen