

Resolution Number 238
Bosnian Independence Day

WHEREAS, Bosnian Independence Day is a national public holiday held on March 1 to celebrate independence of Bosnia and Herzegovina from the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia; and

WHEREAS, Citizens of the Socialist Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina voted for the independence of Bosnia and Herzegovina on the referendum that was held between February 29 and March 1, 1992. The referendum question was: "Are you in favor of a sovereign and independent Bosnia-Herzegovina, a state of equal citizens and nations of Muslims, Serbs, Croats and others who live in it?" ; and

WHEREAS, there were over 63% of voter turn out of which 99.7% voted in favor of independence. The results of the referendum were accepted on March 6, 1992 by the Parliament of Bosnia and Herzegovina; and

WHEREAS, the Parliament then made the decision on February 28, 1995 that March 1 be the Independence Day of Bosnia and Herzegovina and a national holiday; and

WHEREAS, two days later, on March 1, 1995, Independence Day was celebrated for the first time. On April 7, 1995, the European Community recognized Bosnia and Herzegovina as an independent state; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause to recognize Bosnian Independence Day and we direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a copy for the family of the honoree, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 28th day of February, 2014 by:

Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward

Adopted this the 28th day of February, 2014 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen