

**Resolution Number 272**  
**Anthony Shahid**

**WHEREAS**, we pause today in our deliberations to honor Anthony Shahid on the occasion of his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday; and

**WHEREAS**, Brother Anthony Shahid was born in Saint Louis, Missouri on April 14, 1955, a 1974 graduate of Soldan High School, a journeyman painter/decorator by trade and has been a resident of the Saint Louis community his entire adulthood; and

**WHEREAS**, Anthony has been blessed with a beautiful wife, Lisa Ann, four children, Antanika Rayon, Latifah Nafeesah, Atiya Mahasin and Anthony Fatiha Ibn, and three grandchildren Iniya, Samir and Laylah Cardelia; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to Brother Anthony Shahid providing for his family a legacy of wit, wisdom, and love, he has demonstrated in countless ways his dedication to the welfare of others and has earned the respect and affection of people from all walks of life and ages; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2010 Brother Shahid was instrumental in opening Yours Market, a grocery store that offered a hot food bar, kosher and halal meats, fresh produce, vegetables, fresh coffee and a host of other nonperishable low cost items that met the everyday grocery needs of the black community. More importantly, the store did not sell pork, cigarettes or lottery products, in an attempt to shun detrimental habits and introduce the community to healthy food and social choices. Young men were not allowed to come in the store with their pants “sagging” and all the women were escorted to their cars and helped with their bags; and

**WHEREAS**, Anthony is so passionate about helping his people against discrimination, he has gone up against many Fortune 500 Companies, such as Sherwin-Williams, Pepsi-Cola, Southwest Airlines, UPS, Sam’s, Shop N Save, Value City, and the St. Louis Convention Center with a “No Compromise” position and has made them hire thousands of black people in management and non-management positions; and

**WHEREAS**, Brother Anthony Shahid is very active in civic responsibilities, including participating in the Million Man March, the Jenna six protests, and the Ferguson, Missouri protest surrounding the Michael Brown Jr. shooting; it should also be noted that Brother Shahid was the first activist on scene and coined the phrase “hands up, don’t shoot” and just recently he participated in the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary march in Selma, Alabama;

**WHEREAS**, Brother Anthony Shahid has traveled around the world, noting some of his favorite places were China, Egypt, Mecca, London and Africa. He has been featured in many magazines and newspaper articles such as *The Riverfront Times*, *Who’s Who in St. Louis*, *St. Louis Post Dispatch* and *the St. Louis American*.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we join with the family and friends of Anthony Shahid in wishing him a happy 60<sup>th</sup> birthday and we further wish him peace and good health as 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 presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015 by:

**Honorable Antonio D. French, Alderman 21<sup>st</sup> Ward**

Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen

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

Honorable Tammika Hubbard, Alderwoman 5<sup>th</sup> Ward

Honorable Christine Ingrassia, Alderwoman 6<sup>th</sup> Ward

Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22<sup>nd</sup> Ward

Honorable Chris Carter, Alderman 27<sup>th</sup> Ward

Adopted this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015 as attested by:

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David W. Sweeney  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen