

RESOLUTION NUMBER 272
Archbishop Michael A. West, Sr.

WHEREAS, Archbishop Michael A. West, Sr. is a native of Kinloch, Missouri, he is the son of the late Versia Lee West and the late Ida Ruth Shivers-West and has been a dedicated Christian Minister for 58 years; and

WHEREAS, Archbishop West is a renowned Bible scholar, counselor, educator, conference speaker and workshop facilitator; and

WHEREAS, Archbishop West holds several degrees of higher learning: Doctor of Divinity, Doctor of Philosophy in Religion, and Doctor of Education in Educational Administration; and

WHEREAS, Archbishop West organized the St. Michael's Temple of the Expanded Mind Church in Saint Louis in July 1969 where he has been an outstanding and dynamic spiritual leader through ministries that assist the community through their food pantry, clothing facility, distributions of toys, special holiday food baskets as they witness, education and worship for 42 years; and

WHEREAS, Archbishop West is a visionary and founded the St. Michael's United Spiritual Churches, Inc. where he utilizes his considerable skills to train and mentor senior pastors and other church leaders to be more effective in their local churches while also making an impact on today's society and generation to come for the cause of Jesus Christ. He has been the presiding Prelate for 41 years; and

WHEREAS, to fulfill the Great Commission Archbishop West traveled extensively teaching, preaching and healing throughout the United States and internationally in Europe, Africa, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, and the Bahamas; and

WHEREAS, Archbishop West has served on various civic, community and religious committees and boards in the City of St. Louis, and throughout the United States, some include Faith Community United for HIV and AIDS, Neighborhood Housing, St. Louis Gateway Funeral Directors and Embalmers Association, National Christian Funeral Directors and Embalmers Association and many more; and

WHEREAS, Archbishop West has been a licensed Funeral Director in the State of Missouri for over 46 years serving the St. Louis metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, Archbishop West is a loving husband of Martha B. West, a father, grandfather and great grandfather; and

WHEREAS, Archbishop West's vision is to inspire and equip the Body of Christ to be intimate with the Father through His Word and Worship and to change and transform lives by the power of God.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Archbishop Michael A. West, Sr. and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to further 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 9th day of December, 2011 by:

Honorable Samuel L. Moore Alderman 4th Ward

Adopted this the 9th day of December, 2011 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen