

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 347**

**Cindy Erickson**

**WHEREAS**, the St. Louis Community Empowerment Foundation has selected 14 distinguished women to be honored at the *9<sup>th</sup> Annual Salute to Women in Leadership Luncheon* celebrated in the Crystal Ballroom at the Renaissance Grand Hotel in Downtown St. Louis, Missouri; and

**WHEREAS**, The STLCEF, under the leadership of its Founder and Chairman, Michael McMillan, strives to enhance the lives of individuals within the City of St. Louis by focusing on education, economic and housing development, senior programs, social services, and neighborhood stabilization; and

**WHEREAS**, Cindy Erickson holds a Bachelor's of Science in Marketing from Missouri State University in Springfield and a Masters of Public Administration from the University of North Florida, she has also received certificates on executive leadership from Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Cindy Erickson has a wealth of experience in both the nonprofit and corporate sectors, specializing in organizational leadership and public health; she has spent 14 years working in various leadership and consulting roles for the American Lung Association of Missouri, New York City and Florida and has served as consultant, advisor and board member to various non-profits; and

**WHEREAS**, Cindy Erickson began her tenure as CEO for the American Red Cross St. Louis Area Chapter in January, 2009, it is the first Red Cross Chapter in the United States to achieve High Level III Readiness. The St. Louis Area Chapter is the 15<sup>th</sup> largest in the country, with revenues in excess of \$15 million dollars.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Cindy Erickson and we wish her continued success, achievement and accomplishment 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 4th day of May, 2012 by:

**Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderman 19th Ward**

Adopted this the 4th day of May, 2012 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