

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 360**  
**National Association of University Women 89<sup>th</sup> Founders Day**

*Whereas*, we have been apprised that the St. Louis Branch of the National Association of University Women (NAUW) will celebrate its 89th Founders Day on Sunday, April 15, 2012; and

*Whereas*, NAUW was originally formed as the College Alumnae Club in March 1910 by Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, Dr. Sara Brown, Dr. Fairfax Brown, and Miss Mary Cromwell in Washington, DC. On August 9, 1974 at the biennial convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the Association updated its charter and became known as the National Association of University Women (NAUW); and

*Whereas*, the St. Louis Branch of NAUW was established in April 1923, when a group of college graduates were invited to meet with Howard University's Dean of Women, Lucy D. Slow, to discuss the organization of a St. Louis College Women's Club. This group of 33 women met at Poro College Building at St Ferdinand and Pendleton (now Billups). Ten of the women became charter members of the national College of Women's Club and the other women became local members of the St. Louis College Club; and

*Whereas*, in 1924, the Club became the St. Louis Branch of the National Association of College Women. The charter members were Madams Felicia S. Alexander, Julia Curtis, Leona Evans, Verbal Inge, Inabelle Lindsey, Edith S. Rhetta, Fannie B. Williams, Mamie T. Rhodes, and Misses Anne E. Crosthwaite, and Martha Lewis. The first president was Miss Crosthwaite. The current president is Gennette Wicker; and

*Whereas*, to date the group has given scholarships to area high school graduates; hosts an oratorical contest; developed a study guide in Negro History for the St. Louis and East St. Louis Public Schools; completed a survey of health conditions among Negroes in St. Louis; participated with civic groups in the City and promulgated the National Associations programs.

*Now Therefore Be It Resolved* by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and honor the 89<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Association of University Women and direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of the resolution over the permanent rolls of this Board and to prepare a fitting copy of this resolution to be presented to the honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by its sponsor.

Introduced on the 13th day of April, 2012 by:

**Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward**

Adopted this the 13th day of April, 2012 as attested:

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David W. Sweeney  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen