

RESOLUTION NUMBER 73

Whereas, an estimated 17 million Americans suffer from alcohol abuse and 7 million are addicted to illegal drugs; and

Whereas, the Office of Drug Control Policy estimated the total societal costs of illegal drug use in 1998 at \$143 billion and for alcohol abuse and its consequences were estimated at \$185 billion in 1998; and

Whereas, only 18% of persons seeking treatment for their addictions received treatment in 2002; and

Whereas, illegal drug use changes from generation to generation and treatment providers need to learn the best strategies for dealing with the drug abuse of the hip-hop culture; and

Whereas, working with resistant clients is the day to day job for Addiction Counselors; and

Whereas, the need for continuing education for treatment providers, social workers, probation and parole officers is under-funded; and

Whereas, Bridgeway Counseling sponsored nationally acclaimed expert on addiction, Mr. Delbert Boone, to come to St. Louis for a day long education program focusing on resistant clients, the hip-hop generation and the pathology of addiction; and

Whereas, over 250 participants attended at no charge to them or their agencies and came from as far away as southwest Missouri and Kansas City; and

Whereas, Mr. Francis Slay, Sr. generously donated The Cedars at the St. Raymond Complex, as well as his staff, in a very short time frame, allowing Bridgeway to hold this day long seminar;

Therefore Be It Resolved by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and thank Bridgeway Counseling for its many contributions to the St. Louis community and we direct the Clerk of the 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 honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 14th day of July, 2006 by:

James F. Shrewsbury, President of the Board of Aldermen

Adopted this 14th day of July, 2006 as attested by:

Patrick J. Connaghan
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

James F. Shrewsbury
President, Board of Aldermen