

RESOLUTION NUMBER 163
American Pharmacists Month in the City of St. Louis

WHEREAS, St. Louis College of Pharmacy is one of the oldest and largest colleges of pharmacy in America, and one of the few that is not part of a larger university. More than 72 percent of the practicing pharmacists in the St. Louis region have graduated from the College. Pharmacy faculty, with advanced education and training in such areas as cardiology, oncology, infectious diseases, diabetes, and gerontology, practice at area hospitals, clinics and retail pharmacies throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, since 1864, the College has had an enormous impact on the health and wellbeing of the people in this region. Currently, StLCoP is the 12th largest Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D) program in the nation and one of more than 100 pharmacy schools in the United States. It is also among the leaders in graduating pharmacists, nationally; and

WHEREAS, the College admits students directly from high school and integrates the liberal arts and sciences with a six-year professional curriculum leading to the Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree. The College offers a full student-life experience, including more than 40 student organizations and intercollegiate athletics; and

WHEREAS, American Pharmacists Month is celebrated every October. This month-long observance is a time to recognize the significant contributions to health care and the commitment to patient care by pharmacists in all practice settings from around the country. “Know Your Medicine, Know Your Pharmacist” serves as the theme and core message of the month; and

WHEREAS, American Pharmacists Month objectives are: to recognize the vital contributions made by pharmacists to health care in the United States; to enhance the image of pharmacists as the medication experts and an integral part of the health care team, not just dispensers of medication; to educate the public, policy makers, pharmacists, and other health care professionals about the key role played by pharmacists in reducing overall health care costs by improved medication use and advanced patient care and to stress the importance of “Knowing Your Medicine and Knowing Your Pharmacist” to ensure drug therapy is as safe and effective as possible.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize American Pharmacists Month and honor the many achievements of the St. Louis College of Pharmacy and resolve that it be American Pharmacists Month in the City of St. Louis and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread 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 October, 2009 by:

Honorable Joseph Roddy, Alderman 17th Ward

Adopted this the 9th day of October, 2009 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen