

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 35**

**Bernice Williams**

**WHEREAS**, Bernice Williams has been a dedicated employee of the State of Missouri for the past 37 years. She is highly respected by her staff, peers, and supervisory team. Everyone who knows Bernice Williams is aware of her passion and dedication toward children and family issues. She worked in the Department of Children and Family Services for most of her tenure with the State of Missouri. Bernice Williams implemented procedures to help streamline areas of the job to make the process easier for clients. She always had compassion for the people in the agency that she served. Bernice Williams spent time mentoring and counseling members of her staff to make them better employees and better people overall. She exudes a spirit of excellence in everything that she does at work, home, and in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Bernice Williams is a very generous, giving, and hospitable person, who exhibits God's love through her actions and care for others. She has never met a stranger and will do whatever it takes to help someone in need. Bernice Williams is loved by many and respected by all who know her; and

**WHEREAS**, Bernice Williams has served thousands of clients throughout the St. Louis City and County Region throughout her career; and

**WHEREAS**, Bernice Williams has been married for 48 years to Raymond Williams, Jr. and they have 6 children, 11 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren. Mrs. Williams also co-pastors Shofar Christian Church with her husband. They are a dynamic ministry team dedicated to the service of the Lord. Together they have ministered to and prayed for hundreds of people throughout their 25 years in the ministry; and

**WHEREAS**, Proverbs 31 best describes Bernice Williams: She is clothed with strength and dignity, She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue , She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness, Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her, Many women do noble things, but [Bernice Williams] surpass them all ...A woman who fears the LORD is to be praised (Proverbs 31:35-31).

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the many accomplishments of Bernice Williams 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 for presentation to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 30th day of April, 2010 by:

**Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward**

Adopted this the 30th day of April, 2010 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