

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 47**

**WHEREAS**, a study on Health Care Access Disparities in North St. Louis with recommendations toward solutions was released on December 31, 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, the study was part of a collection of activities and support required of BJC HealthCare under the Second Amendment of Ordinance 56576 governing an expanded lease for Barnes-Jewish Hospital's future expansion, and

**WHEREAS**, Aldermen serving majority African American communities in North St. Louis areas pushed to ensure that the ordinance included support for health care and recreational services in North St. Louis and that a comprehensive study was designed to identify health care access disparity issues and needs in North St. Louis, create solution recommendations and identify steps toward the implementation of the solutions including the recommendation of the creation of a North St. Louis Emergency Center; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the fulfillment of the ordinance requirement governing the Barnes-Jewish Hospital lease extension on Hudlin Park, a part of Forest Park, a broad-based task force was established to review the health care access needs for residents living in North St. Louis City and the Co-Chairs of this task force were Alderman Terry Kennedy and Dr. Will Ross of Washington University School of Medicine; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the task force included the African American Aldermen of the St. Louis City Board of Aldermen, representatives from the federally qualified health centers with facilities in North St. Louis, representatives from other safety net providers including the free clinic in North St. Louis, Barnes-Jewish Hospital and BJC HealthCare, Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis University School of Public Health and the St. Louis City Health Department; and

**WHEREAS**, for several months the task force met and reviewed health care statistics, availability of health services and other issues impacting access to health care for residents of North St. Louis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Task Force activities were data-driven and utilized primary and secondary data as well as best practices from other areas of the country in formulating its recommendations with Research and Evaluations Solutions, Inc (REESSI)—a firm led by two African American female researchers based in Alexandria, VA retained to guide the study activities headed by Dr. Laverne Morrow Carter, President of REESSI and a former resident of the St. Louis Region and North St. Louis, serving as a Principal Investigator and Lead Facilitator and with Dr. Sharon A Jackson, Vice President of REESSI serving as Co-Investigator; and

**WHEREAS**, the study included the interviewing of over 100 North St. Louis residents in a series of focus group discussions held over last summer with eight specific issues related to health care access in North St. Louis emerging from the study data and focus group discussions.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen for the City of St. Louis that we direct the Health and Human Services Committee to convene hearings, under its authority, for the purpose of examining and reviewing the Health Disparity Access Study recently released as a component of the BJC requirements and all other parties deemed appropriate by the Health and Human Services Committee and we further direct the committee to report its findings and recommendations to the full Board of Aldermen.

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

**Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward**  
Honorable Charles Quincy Troupe, Alderman 1<sup>st</sup> Ward

Honorable Dionne Flowers, Alderwoman 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward  
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Honorable Gregory J. Carter, Alderman 27<sup>th</sup> Ward

Adopted this the 30<sup>th</sup> 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