

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 101**

**WHEREAS**, Mellve A. Shahid Sr. was born in St. Louis, Missouri on May 27, 1953 to Mark and Mary Ann Jones. He received his formal education in the St. Louis Public School System, graduating from Charles Sumner High School in 1972 and later attended Forest Park Community College studying Business Administration; and

**WHEREAS**, in March of 1973, Mr. Shahid was employed with Chrysler Corp, where in 2001 he was promoted to the PGI Team and later became a Painting Analysis for Chrysler Corp. He retired in 2005 from Chrysler Corp with 33 years seniority. In 1981, he also served his apprenticeship in Painter's District #1 and become a journeyman painter under Local 115. In 1983, he started Unique Painting and Decorating Inc., which he has successfully operated for the past 25 years. In 1991, he started Best Painting Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Shahid has successfully trained countless youths in the field of painting and decorating. Many of these youth are now employed in the union as skilled craftsmen or business owners; and

**WHEREAS**, at the age of 15 Mr. Shahid became a member of the Nation of Islam under the teaching of The Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad, he is presently a member of Masjid Tauheed; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Shahid is also a member of the Summer Alumni Association, Vice President of Block Unit 1183 and President of the SSJ Family Reunion Inc. A new member of The 100 Black Men of Metropolitan St. Louis, he is Co-Chair of The Prostate Cancer Survivors Committee and a member of The Lane Cancer Coalition Leadership Committee. Mr. Shahid was diagnosed with prostate cancer in March of 2007 and he has become a familiar face and voice on television and radio promoting prostate cancer awareness throughout the City of St. Louis; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Shahid is married to his beautiful wife Hurnietha; proud father of four: Mellve Jr., Nafessah, Kalima and Donald; grandfather of three: Ashley, Mellve III and Anthony; and has a special goddaughter, Laran Ahart.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Mr. Mellve A. Shahid Sr. for his dedication and commitment help others who have been diagnosed with prostate cancer and we wish him continued success and perseverance 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 to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 13th day of June, 2008 by:

Honorable Frank Williamson, Alderman 26<sup>th</sup> Ward

Adopted this the 13th day of June, 2008 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