

*RESOLUTION NUMBER 105*

*WHEREAS*, in January 2003 the City of St. Louis promulgated an Emergency Response Plan detailing specific governmental responses to a variety of emergency situations potentially occurring in the City; and

*WHEREAS*, the Public Safety Committee of this Board of Aldermen made a partial review of this plan in 2005 and made significant observations, recommendations and comments; and

*WHEREAS*, in July of this year the City of St. Louis suffered the effects of a powerful and devastating storm which resulted in a massive loss of electrical power across the region and millions of dollars in damage to private property and public infrastructure; and

*WHEREAS*, for more than a week thousands of residents suffered through the extreme heat of the summer without electricity resulting in many hardships, particularly for our senior citizens and families with small children; and

*WHEREAS*, the City marshaled and coordinated many public resources in conjunction with private sources to address the emergencies created by this storm; and

*WHEREAS*, the extensive impact of this storm seems to compel a thorough public examination of the City's Emergency Response Plan and the manner in which it is to be employed; and

*WHEREAS*, it is within the purview of the Public Safety Committee of the Board of Aldermen to conduct such a hearing and make appropriate legislative recommendations;

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED* by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we authorize the Public Safety Committee to convene hearings for the purpose of evaluating the City's Emergency Response Plan, the City's response to the July 2006 storm and its aftermath and examine any updates or changes to this plan that are in consideration or have already been made based up recent emergency situations and experiences and report back to the Board and any appropriate City office or agency with any comments, findings, recommendations or suggestions it deems necessary.

Introduced on the 15th day of September, 2006 by:

**Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward**

Adopted this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006 as attested:

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Patrick J. Connaghan  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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James F. Shrewsbury  
President, Board of Aldermen