

Resolution 110
10th Anniversary of the Black Radical Congress

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of this honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis of the upcoming, historic convergence of a national association of African – American social activists gathering in St. Louis to dialogue and organize themselves around issues of national and international importance; and

WHEREAS, this national association is celebrating its 10th anniversary and was founded in Chicago in 1998 where nearly 2,000 people of African descent gathered from the US, Africa, Canada, the Caribbean, Europe and Latin America; and

WHEREAS, this 10th national gathering will be held at the University of Missouri – St. Louis this Juneteenth Weekend which is Friday, June 20th – Sunday, June 22nd, 2008 and includes a number of panels, workshops and national speakers; and

WHEREAS, this association named itself the Black Radical Congress (BRC) and fights for the human rights, upliftment, parity and equality of people of African descent in the U.S. and throughout the African Diaspora from the historic legacy of slavery and colonialism as well as for progressive, fundamental social, economic and political change; and

WHEREAS, the BRC's mission is to promote dialogue among progressive African American activists, artists, educators and scholars who seek fundamental change toward justice and to discuss critical issues on the national and international scene that pertain to the Black community; to explore new strategies and directions for progressive political, social and cultural movements; and to renew the Black radical movement through increased unified action; and

WHEREAS, for ten years the Black Radical Congress has worked tirelessly and uncompromisingly to implement a human based, “freedom” agenda that encompasses a number of priorities and related campaigns including - Education and not Incarceration; Ending the War; Ending Racism; Clean Living Environments; Gender Equality; Economic Parity; Ending Sexual Orientation Discrimination and Supporting Affirmative Action to name a few; and

WHEREAS, the BRC is composed of a diverse grouping of progressive, forward thinking individuals and social activists, worker rights, tenet rights, women's rights, cultural, educational and community based organizations of African descent all working endlessly to improve the quality of human life.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Alderman of the City of St. Louis, that we pause in our deliberations to welcome the Black Radical Congress to St. Louis and recognize the BRC on the occasion of their 10th Anniversary 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 honorees at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 20th day of June, 2008 by:

Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward

Honorable Jeffrey Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward

Honorable Gregory Carter, Alderman 27th Ward

Honorable Bennice Jones King, Alderwoman 21st Ward

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Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4th Ward

Adopted this the 20th day of June, 2008 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen