

## **30th Anniversary of Employment Connection**

### **RESOLUTION NUMBER 119**

**WHEREAS**, we have been apprised that this years marks the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Employment Connection founded by attorneys David Lander, Lyn Sokolik and Charles Newman; and

**WHEREAS**, originally called the St. Louis Opportunity Clearinghouse for Ex-Offenders, Employment Connection was created as a “pilot project” with support from the Bar Association and a partnership between the St. Louis Agency for Training and Employment (SLATE), Missouri Board of Probation and Parole, and the Department of Corrections; and

**WHEREAS**, this collaborative effort was designed to pool limited resources and increase the quality, quantity and productivity of employment services for ex-offenders; and

**WHEREAS**, incorporated as a 501(c)(3) on January 29, 1977 to increase flexibility in securing funding for and implementing new and special projects, Employment Connection began offering intensive job acquisition skill training and employment placement assistance to ex-offenders; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1980, Employment Connection implemented two major changes: first, Employment Connection began to offer services to all persons facing difficult employment barriers, including: welfare recipients, victims of assault, drug and alcohol abuse; the homeless or long-term unemployed; and re-entry workers or high school drop-out with limited skills, training and education. Secondly, Employment Connection became a full member agency of the United Way; and

**WHEREAS**, Employment Connection continues to modify and develop its programs to meet the ever-changing needs of the unemployed in the St. Louis Metropolitan Area. Currently, the members of Employment Connection seek to continue to offer their experienced and professional services to those who are in need; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of St. Louis commends the members of Employment Connect for the outstanding services they have provided to the St. Louis area for 30 years.

**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 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Employment Connect and commend them for their leadership, work and contributions to the City of St. Louis and wish them continued success in the future 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2008 by:

**Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen**  
Honorable Kacie Starr Triplett, Alderwoman 6<sup>th</sup> Ward

Adopted this the 27<sup>th</sup> 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