

## RESOLUTION NUMBER 122

**WHEREAS**, the Gateway Arch is one of the greatest pieces of public sculpture in the world and commands a strategic position on the greatest river in North America, but access to and attractions at the Arch grounds are severely limited; and

**WHEREAS**, passive use restrictions for the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial leave little to see and do on the Arch grounds, resulting in declining attendance over the last several years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial is currently intersected by 10 lanes of interstate highway and local traffic, separating the Arch grounds and the riverfront from the Old Courthouse and downtown; and

**WHEREAS**, we believe that this region's two most valuable physical assets – the Arch grounds and the riverfront – are not being fully utilized; and

**WHEREAS**, greater programming and attractions for the Arch grounds and a new destination museum would bring more visitors for longer periods

**WHEREAS**, for the first time in more than 40 years, the National Park Service is updating its management plan for the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial and is welcoming public input.

**Now therefore be it resolved** that the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis thanks the National Park Service for reviewing its management plan and urges enhancement of the Arch grounds in keeping with the theme of national expansion and the movement of the American people;

**Further, be it resolved** that the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis urges the National Park Service to permit the development of a new above-ground destination attraction in close proximity to Downtown and to approve a means for better access to the Arch grounds from Downtown.

Introduced on the 27th day of June, 2008 by:

**Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen**  
**Honorable Phyllis Young, Alderwoman 7<sup>th</sup> Ward**

Adopted this the 27th 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