

Resolution Number 126
10th Annual Festival of Nations

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that this years International Institute's Festival of Nations is celebrating its 10th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the Festival of Nations is a multiethnic celebration that highlights and celebrates multiculturalism in the St. Louis community and beyond; and

WHEREAS, for 90 years, the International Institute has provided a broad spectrum of economic development and social services. The Institute also organizes public celebrations. This year's Festival is expected to bring more than 100,000 residents from over 80 zip codes to Tower Grove Park and the South Grand International District; and

WHEREAS, Citizen Square will be a hub of activity that will include voter registration, politician meet and greet, civics trivia and more; and

WHEREAS, this year's Festival of Nations will feature over 30 food booths; traditional music, song, and dance with traditional ethnic artists; over 25 booths selling African drums, Israeli jewelry, Indian saris and other hand-made items. In addition, there will be a children's area with ethnic storytelling, mask-making and other hands-on activities; free dance lessons; and a caber toss.

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 10th Annual Festival of Nations and we thank the International Institute for their contributions to the citizens of the St. Louis community and we direct the Clerk of this Board to prepare a commemorative copy of this Resolution to the end that it may be presented to our honorees at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 28th day of August, 2009 by:

Honorable Jennifer Florida, Alderwoman 15th Ward

Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen

Honorable Stephen Conway, Alderman 8th Ward

Adopted this the 28th day of August, 2009 as attested:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen