

RESOLUTION NUMBER 166

CHIEF JOSEPH MOKWA

WHEREAS; the St. Louis Board of Aldermen recognizes that Chief Joseph Mokwa has demonstrated strong and courageous leadership of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department and,

WHEREAS; under Chief Mokwa's leadership, innovative crime fighting strategies have been created that have lead to a significant reduction of crime compared to the same period last year. Today crime in the City of St. Louis is at a 20-year low; and

WHEREAS; Chief Mokwa has assumed a leadership position in law enforcement during a time when homeland security is essential to our freedom and value of life; and

WHEREAS; Chief Mokwa's integrity, commitment to justice, dedication to the citizens and our communities have played an integral part in the renaissance of the City of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS; Chief Mokwa's collaborative style has given the Police Department the ability to build bridges and bring people together in our communities, create partnerships with our Civic Leaders and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS; Chief Mokwa is to be commended for his commitment and dedication to the men and women who put their lives on the line to protect our City; and

WHEREAS; Chief Mokwa had been the strongest advocate on the issues important to his officers; compensation, training, safety, family and the hiring of additional officers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Alderman of the City of St. Louis, that recognition be bestowed upon Chief Joseph Mokwa by this Honorable Board, to the Chief's leadership, dedication, courage and his willingness to make the tough and some times thankless decisions that are required and that have made the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department one of the most highly regarded law enforcement agencies in the country and that we pause in our deliberations to consider and adopt this resolution, and instruct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this resolution over the permanent rolls of the Board and to further prepare a memorial copy of this resolution so that it may be presented to our honoree as deemed appropriate by the resolution's sponsors.

Introduced this 21st day of September, 2007 by:

Honorable Stephen M. Gregali, Alderman 14th Ward

**Honorable Dionne Flowers, Alderwoman 2nd Ward
Honorable Kacie Starr Triplett Alderwoman 6th Ward
Honorable Phyllis Young, Alderwoman 7th Ward
Honorable Stephen Conway, Alderman 8th Ward
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Honorable Frank Williamson, Alderman, 26th Ward
Honorable Lyda Krewson, Alderwoman 28th Ward**

Adopted this the 21st day of September, 2007 as attested by: