

Resolution Number 168
Gatumba Refugee Survivors Foundation

Whereas, the Gatumba Refugees Survivors Foundation convened the 6th annual Gutumba massacre memorial gathering on August 14, 2010 at Saint Louis University to commemorate the 2004 Gatumba Genocide in which 166 men, women and children of the Banyamurenge Tribe lost their lives; and

Whereas, the organization was founded immediately after the 2004 Gatumba Genocide to actively seek justice for the Genocide and other crimes against human life in the Great Lakes region of Africa; and

Whereas, the organization organizes memorial gatherings to speak against torture, killings, genocides, rape, and all other kinds of human rights violations in the Great Lakes region of Africa. Through these memorial gatherings moral healing is able to begin for survivors of the Gatumba Genocide; and

Whereas, family members are able to be reunited after separation during the evacuation of the camp and also escape areas of danger; and

Whereas, the organization speaks out for members in need of medical support and guides them through the process; and

Whereas, the organization fundraises for survivors still in the Great Lakes region and those in need due to the crimes of the Gatumba Genocide.

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 Gatumba Refugee Survivors Foundation for their outstanding dedication and commitment to pursuing peace and justice in the Great Lakes region of Africa and for their continued support and provision of resources to survivors of the Gatumba Genocide. 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 honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

Introduced on the 14th day of August, 2010 by:

Honorable Kacie Starr Triplett, Alderwoman 6th Ward

Adopted this the 14th day of August, 2010 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen