

*RESOLUTION NUMBER 169*

*WHEREAS*, we are apprised that this year marks the 15th Anniversary of the founding of the Nia Kuumba Spirituality Center which is located in the 3400 block of Sidney Street in the City of St. Louis; and

*WHEREAS*, founded in 1991 by the Sisters of St. Francis, the center's name is a combination of two Swahili words: Nia meaning purpose and Kuuba meaning creativity; and

*WHEREAS*, the mission of the Nia Kuumba Spirituality Center is to provide an atmosphere in which African American and African women can meet in community to be challenged and encouraged to live their lives as fully as possible; and

*WHEREAS*, fifteen years after its founding Nia Kuumba Spirituality Center continues to respond to the spiritual and emotional needs of individuals who otherwise might be unable to experience the sense of peace and hope they deserve;

*WHEREAS*, Nia Kuumba Spirituality Center is a vital resource to those in need and will continue to serve this community for many years to come;

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED* by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and congratulate the staff and members of Nia Kuumba Spirituality Center on the occasion of the 15th Anniversary of the Center's founding and we thank them for their many contributions to the St. Louis community 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 honorees at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 1st day of December, 2006, by:

**Honorable Dionne Flowers, Alderman 2nd Ward**  
**Honorable Lewis Reed, Alderman 6th Ward**

Adopted this the 1st day of December, 2006, as attested by:

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Patrick J. Connaghan  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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James F. Shrewsbury  
President, Board of Aldermen