

Resolution Number 177
Infant Mortality Awareness Month

WHEREAS, Infant Mortality Awareness Month has been designed to increase people's awareness of the high rates of infant deaths that are prevalent in our community; and

WHEREAS, September marks the fourth annual Infant Mortality Awareness Month, which provide opportunities for our community to get involved and answer the call to address infant mortality and the injustice of disparity; and

WHEREAS, babies in St. Louis City are twice as likely to die before their first birthday than babies in the state, and African American babies are three times more likely to die than white babies; and

WHEREAS, women in St. Louis City have the one of the highest rates for inadequate prenatal care in the state; and

WHEREAS, the Prenatal and Infant Wellness Collaborative, a partnership of public and private organizations committed to eliminating the disparity in infant mortality, has launched the Infant Mortality Awareness pilot campaign in the 27th Ward to increase early and adequate prenatal care.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause to recognize Infant Mortality Awareness Month 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 memorial copy for presentation to the Allen family, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 17th day of September, 2010 by

Honorable Gregory J. Carter, Alderman 27th Ward

Adopted this the 17th day of September, 2010 as attested:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen