

Resolution Number 181
DEAF Way

WHEREAS, in March of 1998, a committee of Deaf, and dedicated staff of Paraquad got together to flesh out the mission and vision of an organization. It had to fit with the Independent Living philosophy of Paraquad, and still maintain its autonomy; and

WHEREAS, the name DEAF Way was thought to encompass the true essence of the company in that we wanted to make it clear to the community of Deaf and the people who interact with them that DEAF Way is customer driven; and

WHEREAS, DEAF Way was created with a unique vision in mind and a desire to provide interpreting services that empowered people who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing to have a clear, effective communication in any situation; and

WHEREAS, DEAF Way has grown in leaps and bounds from the humble office of one interpreter to a fully trained staff of 9 full-time staff interpreters, 3 support staff, 1 part-time interpreter staff and a list of Deaf professionals who serve as Communication Development Specialists.

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 thank DEAF Way for the services they provide in the City of St. Louis 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 honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 10th day of October, 2008 by:

Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen

Adopted this the 10th day of October, 2008 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen