

RESOLUTION NUMBER 191
Lions Clubs International

WHEREAS, the International Association of Lions Clubs was established in 1917 for the purpose to empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace, and promote international understanding; and

WHEREAS, Lions Clubs were chartered and established in the City of St. Louis as early as 1921 and today includes the St. Louis Carondelet Lions Club, St. Louis Cheltenham-Chouteau Lions Club, St. Louis Downtown Lions Club, St. Louis Hampton Lions Club, St. Louis Harmony Lions Club, St. Louis Mid Town Lions Club, and St. Louis South Side Lion Club; and

WHEREAS, Lions Clubs International was challenged in 1925 by Helen Keller to be the “knights of the blind in this crusade against darkness”, and subsequently Lions Clubs have been the foremost source in the world for the funding and the support of the visually impaired; and

WHEREAS, Lions Clubs International today is the largest community service organization in the world consisting of more than 1.4 million members in more than 40,000 Lions Clubs located in more than 200 countries and geographic areas around the globe; and

WHEREAS, today there more than 200 volunteer members in Lions Clubs within the City of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, Lions Clubs International is recognized annually as the top-rated philanthropic organization in the world by virtue of annual charitable donations of more than \$600 million and more than 30 million annual volunteer service hours expended by members; and

WHEREAS, during the past year, the Lions Clubs in the City of St. Louis donated more than \$100,000 to worthwhile charitable needs and donated more than 10,000 volunteer service hours through the efforts of Lions Club members; and

WHEREAS, the motto of Lions Clubs International is “WE SERVE”, and the word LIONS is an acronym for Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nation’s Safety; and

WHEREAS, Lions Clubs have contributed significantly to the quality of life internationally, nationally and locally for more than ninety (90) years; and

WHEREAS, Lions Clubs in the City of St. Louis are consistently visible in their fundraising and charitable endeavors such as barbecues, variety shows, mouse races and used eyeglass collections.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, while meeting in regular session and by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, being apprised of the significant contributions of Lions Clubs International to the City of St. Louis, 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 Sponsor.

Introduced on this 1st Day of October, 2010 by:

Honorable Alfred Wessels, Jr., Alderman 13th Ward

Adopted this the 1st Day of October, 2010 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen