

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 192**  
**Apostle Ariette Jefferson-Williams**

**WHEREAS**, Ariette Jefferson was called to effective ministry at the early age of eight. Standing before congregations of all sizes, she captured the attention of many and was well respected by all. Once you saw her in action, you were completely convinced that she was born just to do ministry. At the mature age of sixteen, Ariette was ordained a minister. At a time when women were not accepted as preachers, she stayed faithful to God no matter how others viewed her. Minister Jefferson was well known for knowing how to have some “real church.” The kind of church where the Holy Spirit moved from the devotional “Hallelujah” to the benediction “May the Lord Watch”; and

**WHEREAS**, the cards of life that Minister Jefferson was dealt were cards that would make you or break you, sometimes up and other times down. Many times looking around she found herself alone, heartbroken, sad, and depressed because of life’s tough love. Despite family hurt and church hurt she kept her eyes on Christ even while others called her crazy; and

**WHEREAS**, nineteen years ago God blessed Ariette to be the missing rib of Minister James E. Williams. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are the proud parents of four anointed sons. They are also the blessed grandparents of twenty-five grandchildren and glowing about the two great-grandchildren. Apostle Williams has been a quartet singer for over twenty-nine years and a radio announcer for over twelve years; and

**WHEREAS**, Apostle Williams is known for being a real, loving, and generous person. She will and has given the shirt off her back just to be a blessing to her fellow brothers and sisters. This great love that was imparted into her at birth prepared her for the mantle of Pastoralship ten years ago. The Lord God spoke to her clearly and said “You Will Pastor” and gave her the name of the church. She obeyed the voice of the Lord and started the church with only four people. Ten years later the Oil of God International Ministries, Inc., is yet stronger than ever, healthy, and serves as the spiritual hospital to many within the community; and

**WHEREAS** Apostle Williams is leading a growing congregation with a vision right in the heart of our city. The Oil of God International Ministries, Inc. is empowered to change a generation with the true Word of God. Proclaiming Jesus Christ as the Head of the Church and the manifested Word. Their goal is to reach those that are hurting, torn, broken, bitter, saddened, and in search of a better way of living.

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause to recognize the many contributions and congratulate Apostle Ariette Jefferson-Williams 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 for presentation at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 1st day of October, 2010 by:

**Honorable Freeman Bosley, Sr., Alderman 3rd Ward**

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

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David W. Sweeney  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen