

**Resolution Number 218**  
**National Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women between the ages of 15 to 45, more than mugging and auto accidents combined, females ages 16-24 are the group most at risk of abuse, and one in four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime; and

**WHEREAS**, Missouri domestic violence programs provided a safe place to stay to more than 10,500 women, children and men in 2009, but forced to turn away more than 15,000 others due to lack of space ; and

**WHEREAS**, Missouri law enforcement agencies recorded 36,943 domestic violence incidents this past year; and

**WHEREAS**, all city residents must work together to educate our population about what can be done to prevent domestic violence and sexual assault and increase support to survivors, their significant others, and the agencies that provide services to survivors; and

**WHEREAS**, collaborative efforts such as Every Step Counts Organization, the Walk In Her Shoes program, Forest Park Center for Family Resources, Steps That Count 5K Race/Walk and the Awareness Is What's Up Collegiate Awareness Program are designed to increase awareness and celebrate the lives of survivors and the service organizations that support them; and

**WHEREAS**, during the National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Celebrate Survivors' Week to be recognized the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of October, state and federal agencies, consumer groups, women's organization and colleges and universities will provide public awareness activities and events dedicated to awareness and the celebration of survivors of domestic violence.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to encourage all city residents to increase domestic violence awareness in our schools and in our communities and to celebrate the lives of survivors of domestic violence

Introduced on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2010 by

**Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen**  
Honorable Joseph Roddy, Alderman 17th Ward

Adopted this the 8<sup>th</sup> 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