

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 243**  
**International Institute of St. Louis**

**WHEREAS**, we have been apprised that the International Institute of St. Louis is being honored as part of the Bank of America Neighborhood Excellence Initiative as a Builder; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1919, the International Institute has worked to strengthen the St. Louis community by helping immigrants and their families become secure and successful Americans and by promoting the value of ethnic diversity in the social, cultural, and economic life of our region; and

**WHEREAS**, the International Institute has successfully revitalized neighborhoods through the innovative use of “asset building” and “economic development” programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the International Institute is recognized as a leader in the area of business development programs especially for immigrants and refugees

**WHEREAS**, the International Institute has accomplished in less than ten years their “Microloan” and “technical assistance” programs which have generated \$77 million dollars in economic impact to the City of St. Louis; and

**WHEREAS**, their financial literacy program insures the long term social and economic viability of the neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, the International Institute of St. Louis is a visionary organization whose services improve the lives of individuals, families, and the business community where they live and work.

**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 honor the International Institute of St. Louis and we wish them continued success, achievement and accomplishment 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 21st day of November, 2008 by:

**Honorable Jennifer Florida, Alderwoman 15th Ward**

Adopted this 21st day of November, 2008 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