

RESOLUTION NUMBER 253

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress by The Children's Health Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-310, sec. 1004)(October 17, 2000), authorized the National Children's Study as the most comprehensive long-term study of children's health ever done in the United States, in order to follow 100,000 children from pre-birth through age 21 years; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the National Children's Study is not to be intrusive, but rather is to improve the health and well-being of children and to better understand the role various childhood factors such as air, water, diet, sound, family dynamics, community and cultural influences, and genetics have on growth, development, diseases and health of children (including asthma, birth defects, dyslexia, learning problems, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, autism, schizophrenia and obesity); and

WHEREAS, the National Children's Study is led by the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in collaboration with a consortium of federal government partners. Study partners include the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences of the NIH, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis is one of the Study locations participating with implementation being achieved by the Gateway Study Center at Saint Louis University School of Public Health in partnership with Washington University, Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville, Southern Illinois University - Carbondale, and Battelle Memorial Institute; many hospitals and nonprofit organizations are also partnering on this historic effort; and

WHEREAS, the National Children's Study is observational only and will involve Participants sharing information and samples with Study Team Members and will not take the place of doctor visits; no one will be asked to change any medicines or treatments; and

WHEREAS, the Gateway Study Center will begin enrolling into the National Children's Study women who are pregnant or thinking about becoming pregnant and living in randomly selected areas of the City of St. Louis beginning in late 2010 and continuing over the following five years; and

WHEREAS, grouped findings (nothing identifying individuals) from the National Children's Study will be made available as the study progresses, making potential benefits known to the public as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS, the National Children's Study will be one of the richest research efforts geared towards learning about children's health and development and will form the basis of child health guidance, interventions, and policy for generations to come.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the significance of the National Children's Study, particularly in the City of St. Louis. We request that this matter be referred to the Health & Human Services Committee of the Board of Aldermen for further examination and report to the Full Board of Aldermen. We further urge community participation in this valuable National Children's Study.

Introduced on the 19th day of November, 2010 by:

Honorable Craig Schmid, Alderman 20th Ward
Honorable Gregory Carter, Alderman 27th Ward
Honorable Charles Quincy Troupe, Alderman 1st Ward
Honorable Phyllis Young, Alderwoman 7th Ward
Honorable Matthew Villa, Alderman 11th Ward
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Honorable Marlene E. Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward
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Adopted this the 19th day of November, 2010 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
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