

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 294**

**Holly Staley**

**WHEREAS**, Holly Staley is the Executive Director of the SGSM Network. After receiving her Masters in Social Work from Arizona State University, Ms. Staley served as the Area Agency on Aging Director for the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, which served 21 Tribal governments throughout the state; and

**WHEREAS**, along with supervising 17 senior programs throughout rural Tribal lands, she developed programs to train Tribal members to become certified home health care providers and contract with the state Medicaid program. As a result of these programs, Tribal members were able to bring their elders from urban nursing homes back to their homes and their native traditions; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Staley returned to St. Louis in 2000. She began working with SGSM, which has grown from a small, Catholic ministry to a service organization working with 35 faith based partners organized in four clusters in developing programs by and for senior citizens. This growth was due largely in part to the development of SGSM Network's VISTA program in 2004, which today hosts 10 VISTA volunteers; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2006, under her leadership, SGSM Network received an Honorable Mention from the Archstone Foundation (and the Gerontological Health Section of the American Public Health Association) in its Award for Excellence in Program Innovation; and

**WHEREAS**, South Grand Senior Ministry grew to include 6 churches in the original cluster. Under her leadership and enthusiasm, the idea and momentum has spread to Midtown, South County, and North County; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Staley also received the Dorothy Day Justice Seeker Award from the Archdiocese's 2006 Catholic Women Awards, and SGSM Network was awarded one of the prizes for the 2007 Social Entrepreneurship Innovation Competition, Washington University School of Business.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Holly Staley for her many achievements and we direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to further 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011 by:

**Honorable Kacie Starr Triplett, Alderwoman 6<sup>th</sup> Ward**

Adopted this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011 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