

RESOLUTION NUMBER 352

WHEREAS, in April of 2007, the student governments of Harris-Stowe State University and Saint Louis University formed the Dream Keepers Partnership to 1) raise money for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Project and 2) strengthen the relationship between their student populations and institutions as a whole; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the 40th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Dream Keepers Partnership has organized a citywide event, called the Dream Keepers' Fair, on Saturday, April 19, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Dream Keepers' Fair is:

- 1) to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the many other people that lost their lives advocating for peace, justice and equality,
- 2) to foster inclusion and respect for others within and among Harris-Stowe State University and Saint Louis University and within the City of St. Louis
- 3} to encourage people to begin "crossing the street," which is the Dream Keepers Partnership's phrase calling for racial reconciliation and harmony; and

WHEREAS, the National Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Project Leadership Team is aware of and fully supports this event; and

WHEREAS, the Dream Keepers Partnership are centering their event around a two-minute moment of silence in honor of the work of Dr. King; and

WHEREAS, the two-minute moment of silence aims to also serve as a pledge to improving race relations and other identity relations;

WHEREAS, the student governments of Harris-Stowe State University and Saint Louis University and the various organizations that support them have requested that the City officially recognize the two-minute moment of silence an Saturday, April 19, 2008 from approximately 12:00pm-12:02pm;

WHEREAS, the St. Louis City Board of Aldermen is committed to diversity, inclusion and equality. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. advocated these tenets and lived his life in a manner consistent with the promotion of such ideals.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that on Saturday, April 19, 2008 from approximately 12:00pm-12:02pm, the City of St. Louis will pause to recognize the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 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.

FURTHERMORE, let it be resolved the Board of Aldermen officially thanks the students and supporters of the Dream Keepers Partnership.

Introduced on the 14th day of March, 2008 by:

Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward

Adopted this the 14th day of March, 2008 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen

