

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 354**

**WHEREAS**, we have been apprised that after 29 years of dedicated service to the City of St. Louis, Deborah K. Dee, Ph.D. will retire on March 28, 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Dee was appointed Commissioner of the Office on the Disabled for the City of St. Louis in 1979. Before joining the City, Dr. Dee was the Elderly/Handicapped Program Specialist for the Bi-State Development Agency, the local public transit authority, where she planned and developed public transit services for the elderly and persons with disabilities, including the first fixed route accessible bus service in the Midwest; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Dee is a native St. Louisian and a *cum laude* graduate of the University of Missouri. In 1989, Commissioner Dee was awarded a doctorate in management with honors from California University; and

**WHEREAS**, under Dr. Dee's direction, the Office on the Disabled was the first municipal government to hire a full-time interpreter for the deaf. The Office on the Disabled has been recognized as a model program for persons with disabilities in a municipal government; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Dee is a nationally known speaker and trainer on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), cultural diversity, meeting and planning for people with disabilities and other issues related to people with disabilities. She has spoken at the National Diversity Conference, the Association of Society Executives and many local and regional conferences. She serves on the Cultural Diversity Training Team for the U.S. Postal Services Management Academy. Dr. Dee worked with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department to prepare for ADAPT demonstrations at the National Governors' Association Conference, held in August 1999; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Dee served as Local Chairperson for the 1993 President's Committee on Employment of Persons with Disabilities Annual Meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Dee is the recipient of many awards, including: the Martin Luther King Award for Public Service, the International Professional Woman with a Disability Award, the Distinguished American with a Disability Award, the Chairman's Award for Meritorious Service from the St. Louis Hospitality Industry Council, the Working Woman of Distinction from Business and Professional Women, the Pathfinder Award from the St. Louis Convention and Visitors Commission, the Award of Excellence from the Missouri Department of Mental Health and Toastmaster's International Communication & Leadership Award.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate Deborah K. Dee, Ph.D. for her many years of service to the City of St. Louis and we wish her peace and happiness in her retirement 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 14th day of March, 2008 by:

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Adopted this the 14th day of March, 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