

RESOLUTION NUMBER 371

Pastor Michael Jones

WHEREAS, April is designated as Fair Housing Month; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Michael Jones has a great enthusiasm for God's word and people; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, he was petitioned to succeed his late grandfather in ministry to lead the members of Friendly Temple Missionary Baptist Church as Senior Pastor; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Michael Jones has made a significant impact in the greater Saint Louis metropolitan area by challenging the church body to reach the young and old. While serving as the Senior Pastor of Friendly Temple Missionary Baptist Church his focus on the preservation of the community is deeply rooted in Biblical principles for which scripture is written; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to provide an avenue to further meet the needs of the community, Pastor Jones created and serves as Board Chairman of the Robert Fulton Community Development Corporation and the Friendly Community Housing Corporation. The housing corporation is a non-profit organization which offers 110 apartments to provide supportive living accommodations for senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, his leadership has generated over \$12.2 million dollars of affordable housing in the City of St. Louis, specifically within the 22nd Ward; and

WHEREAS, the Gospel is a message of change, therefore our focus is to evangelize the community by exemplifying the powerful presence of God in the lives of disciples which will help to transform a community, city, country and the world; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Kickoff Committee consisting of St. Louis Civil Rights Enforcement Agency and Commission (CREA) staff members and HUD officials, unanimously selected Pastor Michael Jones of Friendly Temple Missionary Baptist Church as exemplary of the type of visionary leadership required in the continued development of affordable and accessible housing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause to recognize the achievements of Pastor Michael Jones to the citizens of the City of St. Louis 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 27th day of March, 2009 by:

Honorable Jeffrey L. Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward

Honorable Gregory J. Carter, Alderman 27th Ward

Adopted this the 27th day of March, 2009 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen