

Resolution Number 382

Marc H. Morial

WHEREAS, Marc H. Morial has been a successful entrepreneur, lawyer, professor, legislator, mayor, President of the U.S. Conference of Mayors and CEO of the National Urban League. In a professional career that has spanned 25 years, he has performed each of these roles with excellence and has established himself as one of the most accomplished servant-leaders in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morial is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania with a degree in Economics and African American Studies. He also holds a law degree from the Georgetown University Law Center in Washington D.C., as well as honorary degrees from Xavier University, Wilberforce University, and the University of South Carolina Upstate; and

WHEREAS, as an entrepreneur, Mr. Morial started several successful small businesses including an apparel wholesale company, a special events company, and a janitorial company; and

WHEREAS, as a lawyer, he won the Louisiana State Bar Association's *Pro Bono Publico Award* for his legal service to the poor and disadvantaged. He was also one of the youngest lawyers, at age 26, to argue and win a major case before the Louisiana Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morial served on the adjunct faculty of Xavier University in Louisiana, where he taught Constitutional Law and Business Law. He also served as a Louisiana State Senator and was named *Legislative Rookie of the Year*, *Education Senator of the Year*, and *Environmental Senator of the Year*. Mr. Morial was elected Mayor of New Orleans and while in office was a popular chief executive and left office with a 70% approval rating; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morial has served as President of the National Urban League since 2003. Under his leadership, the Urban League has had record fundraising success towards a 250MM, five year fundraising goal and he has secured the BBB nonprofit certification which has established the Urban League as a leading national nonprofit; and

WHEREAS, he serves as an Executive Committee member of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, the Black Leadership Forum, and Leadership 18, and is a Board Member of the Muhammad Ali Center, and the New Jersey Performing Arts Center; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morial has been recognized by Ebony Magazine as one of the 100 most influential Black Americans and as one of the Top 50 Nonprofit Executives by the Nonprofit Times; and

WHEREAS, he has an adult daughter and is married to broadcast journalist Michelle Miller. Together they have two young children.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate and thank Marc H. Morial for his numerous contributions and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to include a copy of

this Resolution in the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a memorial copy for presentation at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on March 8th, 2010 by:

Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward
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Adopted March 12th, 2010 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen