

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 47**

**Dr. Amanda Murphy**

**WHEREAS**, we have been apprised that the annual *Salute to Women in Leadership* will take place on Friday, May 9 and Dr. Amanda L. Murphy will be the recipient of the Health Leadership Award. The luncheon gives recognition to women who excel in their work in a professional, civic, or social capacity in our region; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Murphy has provided 37 years of service in the field of mental health care and has been President and CEO of Hopewell Center, a successful not-for-profit comprehensive mental health center, in St. Louis for 27 years. From late 1986-1988 she served the dual role of Chief Executive Officer of Yeatman Union Sarah Joint Commission on Health Care, a federally funded health center and Chief Executive Officer of Hopewell Center. Prior to coming to Hopewell, she served as Chief Executive Officer of St. Clair County Mental Health Center; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Murphy has received many honors and awards. She received recognition at a White House reception in 1980 for her work in providing housing for the mentally ill. She received a YWCA Leadership Award in 1994. In 2003, she received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the St. Louis American Foundation and the Mound City Medical Forum. In 2004, she received an outstanding award for the outstanding service to the community provided by Hopewell Center from the National Top Ladies of Distinction. In 2007, she received the Silver Key Award from the Mental Health Association for her work, values and ethics have contributed to the improved treatment and care of people with mental illness; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Murphy serves on the board of Behavioral Health Response, the Regional Art Commission Allocation Panel, is a member of the Regional Health Commission, Co-Chair of the Eastern Regional Behavioral Health Initiative- Reducing Stigma and Increasing Cultural Competence. She is past chair of the Missouri Coalition of Community Mental Health Centers and currently serves as secretary/treasurer and chair of the Cultural Competence Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Murphy has a strong commitment to Procovery (helping the mentally ill lead self satisfying lives) and reducing stigma and increasing cultural competence. She currently facilitates a Procovery group at Hopewell; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Murphy received a diploma in Nursing from Homer G. Phillips Hospital School of Nursing. She received a B.S. degree in Nursing from Washington University, a Masters Degree and Ph.D. in Guidance and Counseling/Psychology from St. Louis University.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Dr. Amanda Murphy on her selfless dedication to helping others and for her continuous effort to make a difference in the St. Louis community 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 9th day of May, 2008 by:

**Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen**  
**Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderwoman 19<sup>th</sup> Ward**

Adopted this the 9th day of May, 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

