

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 63**  
**The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Missouri Botanical Garden**

**WHEREAS**, we pause in our deliberations to recognize the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Missouri Botanical Garden; and

**WHEREAS**, founded by Henry Shaw “for all time for the public good,” the Missouri Botanical Garden opened to the public June 15, 1859, making it the oldest botanical garden in continuous operation in the nation and was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1976; and

**WHEREAS**, in its mission “To discover and share knowledge about plants and their environment, in order to preserve and enrich life” the Garden is a leader in plant science, research, conservation and education and a civic treasure nestled in the heart of the City of St. Louis with 79 acres of beautiful horticultural display beloved by St. Louisans for 150 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Missouri Botanical Garden’s facilities include Shaw Nature Reserve, 2,400 acres of landscape with diverse native plant and animal habitats; the Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House, which features a glass conservatory filled with tropical plants and butterflies in free flight; and EarthWays Center, which showcases practical demonstrations to promote sustainability to individuals and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Peter H. Raven, one of the world’s leading botanists and advocate of conservation and biodiversity, has presided over the Garden for the past 38 years and has been named a “Hero for the Planet” by *Time* magazine; and

**WHEREAS**, the Garden’s dedicated staff and thousands of volunteers work to articulate its mission and provide community outreach throughout the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Missouri Botanical Garden's sesquicentennial on June 15, 2009 is an achievement of historic proportions for St. Louis.

***NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED*** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the many contributions of the Missouri Botanical Garden to the citizens of the City of St. Louis, 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 June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 by:

**Honorable Stephen J. Conway, Alderman 8<sup>th</sup> Ward**  
**Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen**  
**Honorable Joseph Roddy, Alderman 17<sup>th</sup> Ward**  
**Honorable Jennifer Florida, Alderwoman 15<sup>th</sup> Ward**  
**Honorable Joseph Vollmer, Alderman 10<sup>th</sup> Ward**

Adopted June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 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