

Resolution No. 64

WHEREAS, This Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis is aware of the upcoming 17th Annual African Arts Festival to be held in Forest Park at the Worlds Fair Pavilion beginning Saturday, May 24 and ending Monday, May 26, 2008; and

WHEREAS, This Board recognizes that from the beginning St. Louis has been a diverse ethnic and cultural community filled the richness of many ways of living, perspectives and traditions; and

WHEREAS, The African Arts Festival began with the high ideal of bringing the St. Louis community closer together through a better understanding of the depth and vitality of African culture and its enormous contribution to St. Louis and the world; and

WHEREAS, The first African Arts Festival began in 1991 and was an outgrowth of the 34th Annual African Studies Conference held at Washington University that same year; and

WHEREAS, The African Arts Festival is sponsored by the African Heritage Association of St. Louis who's board of directors include a number of distinguished St. Louisans all committed to presenting a quality festival and learning experience; and

WHEREAS, Over the past 17 years, despite the many challenges in organizing such an ambitious endeavor, the festival organizers have been able to present a variety of activities for various age ranges all in an educational, African village setting; and

WHEREAS, Such a festival helps to promote cultural understanding, enriches and enlivens the City as well as the larger area and continues to represent the diversity of communities that make up the greater St. Louis community and helps to make the City a better and more interesting place to live.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the 17th Annual African Arts Festival and by adoption of this resolution joins in the festivities and we direct the Clerk of this Board to prepare a commemorative copy of this Resolution to the end that it may be presented to our honorees at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 22nd day of May, 2008 by:

Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward

Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen

Honorable Charles Quincy Troupe, Alderman 1st Ward

Honorable Dionne Flowers, Alderwoman 2nd Ward

Honorable Freeman Bosley, Sr., Alderman 3rd Ward

Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4th Ward

Honorable April Ford Griffin, Alderwoman 5th Ward

Honorable Kacie Starr Triplett, Alderwoman 6th Ward

Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward

Honorable Bennice Jones-King, Alderwoman 21st Ward

Honorable Jeffrey Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward

Honorable Frank Williamson, Alderman 26th Ward

Honorable Gregory J. Carter, Alderman 27th Ward

Adopted this the 22nd day of May, 2008 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen

