

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 65**  
**Prince Hall Mason's Buffalo Soldiers**

**WHEREAS**, in 1890 a group of Buffalo Soldiers assigned to Fort Apache, Arizona Territory applied to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Missouri for a Charter to establish a Masonic Lodge; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1891 a Charter was issued by the Grand Lodge of Missouri under the leadership of J.H. Pelham, Most Worshipful Grand Master for Eureka Lodge #135 U.D. to work as a Masonic Lodge with the following officers; Richard Anderson, Post Quartermaster, 9th Cavalry as Worshipful Master; Sgt. Chinn, Ordinance 24th Infantry as Senior Warden; Sgt. S. Stith, B Co. & M. Co, 10th Cavalry as Junior Warden; 1st Sgt. John Pendergrass, A Co., 10th Cavalry as Treasurer; Sgt. Charles Perry, Quartermaster L Co. 10th Cavalry, Secretary; Sgt. C.S. Faulkner, A Co. 10th Cavalry as Chaplain; and Sgt. Wm. C. Harris, E Co. 24th Infantry as Tyler; and

**WHEREAS**, these Prince Hall Masons and Buffalo Soldiers carried this Charter to Fort Buford, North Dakota in 1891 where the unit was assigned and co-existed with Yellowstone Lodge #88 A.F. & A.M. until the fort was closed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Missouri has issued a duplicate Charter in the name of Eureka Lodge #135 as a historical Lodge signed by the following officers, R.W. Edward Johnson-Deputy Grand Master; R.W. Michael T. Johnson- Grand Senior Warden; R.W. Lawrence A. Jones, Jr.-Junior Grand Warden; R.W. Theophilis Charles-Grand Secretary; R.W. Jackie Thomas-Acting Treasurer; R.W. Malcolm Morris-Grand Relief Secretary; R.W. Spuregon Robinson-Grand Tyler. The officers of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge will travel to Ft. Buford, North Dakota to present this Charter as a part of our contribution to the Masonic Historical site; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Dakota Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M., the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Missouri, the North Dakota State Historical Society, and the North Dakota Masonic Foundation will hold a 50th Anniversary Rededication of the Masonic Historic Site at Fort Buford on May 21st and 22nd, 2010, where history will be recreated with the issuance of historical Lodge status to Eureka Lodge #135, F. & A.M. of Missouri and Yellowstone Lodge #88 of North Dakota; and

**WHEREAS**, in honor of this historic event we pause in our deliberations to honor the Buffalo Soldiers and their rich history in bringing order to the wild west and the rich history of Prince Hall Masons all over the globe more especially in Missouri.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and honor the Prince Hall Mason's Buffalo Soldiers 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 honorees at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 14th day of May, 2010 by:

**Honorable Charles Quincy Troupe, Alderman 1st Ward**

Adopted this the 14th day of May, 2010 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