

RESOLUTION NUMBER 12

St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church

WHEREAS, This honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis has been apprised of the upcoming 86th Anniversary Celebration of the St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church located at 1908 N. Kingshighway to be held this Saturday, April 28, 2007 at 6pm; and

WHEREAS, This anniversary celebration is called an “Evening of Elegance and Celebration” and will have as its theme “Honoring the Past – Thankful for the Present – Embracing New Realities” and will be held at the Adams Mark Hotel in downtown St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, A keynote address by the Right Reverend John R. Bryant, Presiding Prelate of the Fifth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Church will highlight the evening among the many other festive and commemorative activities; and

WHEREAS, The evening activities are all designed to celebrate years of Christian service and an outstanding legacy and history of the St. John family recognizing that history helps a people better understand who they are in the world and can inspire them to even greater acts; and

WHEREAS, St. John A.M.E. Church has been lead by a number of able leaders down through the years including the Reverend Daniel W. Pinkard, the Reverend Joseph H. Forbes, the Reverend Cheviene Jones, the Reverend Lee Norris May, the Reverend Russell Thomas Hill, the Reverend C. Dennis Williams, the Reverend Ronald K. Smith, the Reverend Robert L. Cox, the Reverend C. Jessel Strong, and is presently lead by the Reverend, Doctor Charles H. Belcher; and

WHEREAS, Mother Louise T Mitchell the oldest living decedent of the founders of the St. John A.M.E. church is also another part of the St. John history to be acknowledged; and

WHEREAS, Under able, skilled and dedicated leadership significant contributions have been made to the advancement of St. John, Christian service and the St. Louis community.

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 many achievements of the St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church as it celebrates it’s 86th Anniversary and by adoption of this resolution wishes to join in the festivities and congratulatory acts and directs 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 27th day of April, 2007 by:

Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward

Adopted this the 27th day of April, 2007 as attested: