

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 186**  
**Book Blitz Month & Celebrate Education Day**

**WHEREAS**, childhood illiteracy has become an increasing concern, and it is widely known that addressing childhood literacy issues is one of the most effective methods of increasing the likelihood of success of a child and in turn improving the neighborhood they live in; and

**WHEREAS**, unfortunately, children in the St. Louis area continue to fall below the national averages for literacy in their respective age groups; and

**WHEREAS**, most of the educators in the city of St. Louis are tireless and dedicated advocates of the children of St. Louis, yet face many challenges outside of the classroom in getting children to succeed at the level they can; and

**WHEREAS**, addressing childhood literacy is not only the responsibility of the school system, but also requires the support of the community at large; and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Louis Business Resource Center is sponsoring Celebrate Education on January 27, 2013, which is an event to honor the dedication and service of educators in our community, and bring local businesses and educators together to discuss the issue of child literacy; and

**WHEREAS**, January is National Book Blitz Month, a month-long campaign designed to promote reading; and

**WHEREAS**, many children in the St. Louis area do not have the proper reading material at home to enable them to enhance their literacy rate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Aldermen encourages local businesses and citizens to use the month of January to actively participate in the challenge and resulting rewards of increasing childhood literacy in the city of St. Louis by donating age appropriate books to be made available to our local students;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, that we pause in our deliberations to declare the month of January 2014 as “Book Blitz Month” in the city of St. Louis and January 27, 2014 as “Celebrate Education Day” in the city of St. Louis 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 for presentation to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2013 by:

**Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen**

Adopted this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2013 as attested:

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David W. Sweeney  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen