

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 247**  
**Chief Sherman George**

**WHEREAS**, on Sunday February 24, 2013, in observance of Black History Month and the 150th Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, the Charles Sumner High School Alumni Association will host their 10th Annual Membership Round-Up. The event will recognize and honor the achievements of some of the City of St. Louis' African American "Firsts in Their Field" in various political and social positions/roles of distinction; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Sherman George is a graduate of O'Fallon Technical High School, St. Louis Community College at Forest Park, Central Missouri State University, Harvard University and the Carl H. Holmes Executive Development Institute, which prepares chief officers in the fire service; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Sherman George became St. Louis City's first African-American Fire Commissioner and Chief of the City of St. Louis Fire Department, on November 23, 1999; and

**WHEREAS**, as Fire Chief, Sherman George was responsible for the day to day activities of over 700 firefighters and 180 medical professionals; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief George was also responsible for all command post direction of multiple alarms, hazardous materials (HAZMAT) incidents, marine incidents, cave-in incidents, and any incident involving serious bodily injury or loss of life as a result of a fire; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Sherman George is a man of principle, integrity, compassion and positive leadership. As Chief, he was committed to bridging the racial gap between members of his department; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Sherman George is involved in professional civic groups as a member of a number of boards and advisory groups including the St. Louis NAACP Executive Committee, the Eastern Missouri American Civil Liberties Union Board of Trustees, International Association of Fire Chiefs, Missouri Association of Fire Chiefs, African-American/Jewish Dialogue Committee, St. Louis Chapter of the Black Fire Chiefs Association and is an adjunct instructor at the Dillard University Carl H. Holmes Executive Development Institute and member of the New Northside Baptist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Sherman George husband of Catherine and proud parent of adult daughters: Cheri, Dana and Kelly.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Chief Sherman George and we recognize his success, achievement and accomplishment 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 honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 8th day of February, 2013 by:

**Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4th Ward**

Adopted this 8th day of February, 2013 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