

RESOLUTION NO. 100437

Declaring May 22, 2010, as Troost Village Day to be celebrated at the 6th Annual Troost Avenue Festival.

WHEREAS, celebrating Troost Avenue's heritage as an area of Osage Indian trails, the Porter Slave Plantation and Millionaire's Row; and

WHEREAS, this year's Troost Festival will feature a free Chris Cakes breakfast hosted by Neighborhoods, Businesses and Public Officials and KCATA will host four rides of the Troost Max route from 31st to 39th and Troost; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, a grassroots group known as "Troost Folks" sponsored the first Troost Avenue Festival with the stated purpose of changing Troost Avenue from a dividing line to a gathering place; and

WHEREAS, on July 23, 2009, Troost Village Community Association was incorporated "to educate people sector leaders to facilitate a dialogue...in a village economy ... an economy of meaning, as resources of all kinds flow through the community (art, communications, community, education, environment, health, justice, resources, science, and spirituality) to facilitate community development"; and

WHEREAS, over the past 6 years many groups have gathered together around the theme of creating a gathering place on Troost, to name a few, TYCOR CDC; Reconciliation Services; Center for Global Community, Mother's United, Tulips on Troost (with the plan of planting 100,000 tulips); Troost Community Market; Operation Breakthrough (with the largest day care in the state); Habitat for Humanity ReSTORE (developing a new store on Linwood and Troost); Kansas City ATA, in collaboration with Taliaferro and Brown engineers, developing an environmentally friendly, rapid transit down Troost known as the Green Line; along with many faith-based groups, stores, agencies, and neighborhood associations along the Troost Corridor; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council hereby declare May 21, 2010, as Troost Village Day to be celebrated at the 6th Annual Troost Avenue Festival; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the Council in testimony thereof and that a copy hereof be presented to Harry Reaves of TYCOR CDC, Fr. Paisius Altschul of Reconciliation Services, and members of Troost Folks in token of the support by the Mayor, Council and citizens of Kansas City for the bringing together of both sides of Troost Avenue into a beloved community.

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