

RESOLUTION NO. 051502

Recognizing those who created the Finding a Family Exhibit.

WHEREAS, currently on exhibit at the Central Library is a remarkable collection of portraits of children who are some of the young people in Kansas City seeking adoptive parents. This very special exhibit, entitled "Finding a Family," is the result of significant effort on the parts of several professional photographers, the Local Investment Commission (LINC) and the Jackson County Children's Division of the Missouri Department of Social Services; and

WHEREAS, this exhibit and its accompanying website will make it easier for people to understand more about adoption and specifically about adopting children in the metropolitan area. The larger-than-life photographs are realistic, and portray the children in a fashion that is both artistic and charming. The photographers have captured the essence and spirit of their young subjects, and have thereby contributed an integral part of the project; and

WHEREAS, the Finding a Family Exhibit and website was realized through the generosity of the ALC Group, KCPT Public Television, Barkley Evergreen & Partners and photographers Tatjana Alvegaard, Scott Chapin, Chris Crabtree, Chris Cummins, Kenny Johnson, Jaime Lyon, Steve Puppe, Susan Robichaud, T. Michael Stanley and Jennifer Wheat. The representatives of Barkley Evergreen & Partners who contributed to the project are Rachel Bullock, JJ Bryant, Michael Chatten, Bobby Kellogg, Celeste Lindell, Mark Logan, Clare Meridew, Lexi Torpey and Andy Woolard; and

WHEREAS, this project is but one in a long list of serious and successful efforts through which LINC and its partners create positive change for the people of the metropolitan area; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council hereby recognize those who created the Finding a Family Exhibit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the Council in testimony thereof and that copies hereof be presented to Mark Logan, JJ Bryant, Clare Meridew, and Celeste Lindell, Jennifer Wheat, and Steve Puppe and from LINC, President Gayle Hobbs, Steve Winburn, Brent Schondelmeyer, Sean Holmes and David Buchman with the gratitude of the Mayor, Council and citizens of Kansas City for their contributions to the people of this city.

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