

RESOLUTION NO. 051054

Declaring August 29-September 2, 2005, as a week to honor and appreciate the Good Samaritan Project.

WHEREAS, Kansas City's Good Samaritan Project is commemorating its twentieth anniversary throughout the last week of August 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Good Samaritan Project is one of four AIDS service organizations in Kansas City, Missouri. It was established in 1985 by volunteers who believed a coordinated response to the AIDS epidemic was crucial to the well-being and survival of people diagnosed with HIV and AIDS; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Good Samaritan Project is to provide supportive and responsive care for a diverse community of people affected by AIDS/HIV and to raise awareness of AIDS/HIV through education and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Good Samaritan Project's anniversary commemoration, there will be a "Week of Awareness" August 29-September 1, 2005. This will include a number of events and activities, including a client appreciation picnic and cook-out, HIV testing at no charge, a skate-a-thon and awareness outreach including live radio broadcasts and a candlelight vigil to remember the deceased and to renew interest in HIV/AIDS. The vigil will be held at Liberty Memorial on September 1st; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council hereby declare August 29-September 2, 2005, as a week to honor and appreciate the Good Samaritan Project; 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 Kathleen Cooper, Jimmy Woodcock and Chana Collins with the appreciation of the Mayor and Council to its founders and its many volunteers for the contributions made to this community over the past twenty years and its efforts to help the people of the greater Kansas City metropolitan area.

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