

RESOLUTION NO. 130915

Congratulating Dr. Rex Archer for receiving the Milton and Ruth Roemer Prize for Creative Local Public Health Work.

WHEREAS, Dr. Rex Archer was recognized at the 2013 American Public Health Association's national conference with the "Milton and Ruth Roemer Prize for Creative Local Public Health Work;" and

WHEREAS, American Public Health Association awards this recognition each year to a local health officer of a county, city, or other local government who has demonstrated exceptionally creative and innovative public health work that protects, advances or recovers the health of the general population or special populations; and

WHEREAS, the awards committee reviewed Dr. Archer's work with national accreditation of local health departments through the Public Health Accreditation Board, as well as, his collaborations with community outreach groups like Communities Creating Opportunities and the Metro Organization for Racial and Economic Equity to address social issues that affect public health, and his support for tobacco policy work, LGBT health and innovative Emergency Medical Services protocols in Kansas City; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Archer's leadership allowed Kansas City's Health Department to receive accreditation from the Missouri Institute on Community Health; and

WHEREAS, both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Association for County and City Health Officials have recognized accreditation of health departments as a strategy to improve accountability and strengthen the governmental public health infrastructure; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council hereby congratulate Dr. Rex Archer for receiving the Milton and Ruth Roemer Prize for Creative Local Public Health Work; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the Council in testimony thereof and that a copy here be presented to Dr. Rex Archer with the appreciation of the Mayor and Council for his dedication and service to the health of our community.

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