

RESOLUTION NO. 160372

Declaring May 3, 2016, as Alvin L. Brooks Day.

WHEREAS, Alvin Brooks began his service to Kansas City in 1954, as a Kansas City police officer and later as a detective, City of Kansas City Department director, president of the AdHoc Group Against Crime, City Councilman, Mayor Pro-Tem and current Chair of the Kansas City Police Commission; and

WHEREAS, Alvin L. Brooks was born on May 3, 1932 in North Little Rock, Arkansas and graduated from Kansas City's R.T. Coles Vocational High School in 1950 and obtained a Master's degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City in 1973 and four Honorary Doctorate degrees; and

WHEREAS, on May 27, 1968, six weeks after the race riots in Kansas City, Alvin L. Brooks became the first African American director of a City of Kansas City department, the Human Relations Department; and

WHEREAS, under his directorship of the Human Relations Department, Mr. Brooks lead significant efforts to implement fair housing standards, affirmative action and equality in City contracting; and

WHEREAS, Alvin Brooks has represented Kansas City throughout the world, in many capacities including being appointed by President George Bush in 1989 to the National Drug Advisory Council and named by President Bush as one of America's 1,000 points of light; and

WHEREAS, Alvin L. Brooks has dedicated his life to offering critical solutions to community problems, hosting a weekly talk show, speaking at State and Federal penitentiaries, implementing youth development programs and speaking at daycares, elementary schools and teaching college level courses; and

WHEREAS, Alvin L. Brooks is a Kansas City Community Guardian, spending countless hours assisting families who have lost loved ones to violence and being a trusted bridge between law enforcement and community; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council hereby declare May 3, 2016, as Alvin Brooks Day and calls upon all of Kansas City to recommit to increasing awareness of peace, justice and unity; 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 Alvin L. Brooks with the appreciation of the Mayor, Council and citizens of Kansas City for his dedication and service to our community.
