



RESOLUTION NO. 140722

Recognizing Mid-Continent Public Library for being one of ten recipients of the 2014 National Medal for Museum and Library Service from the Institute of Museum and Library Services in Washington, D.C. for demonstrating innovative approaches to public service and exceeding the expected levels of community outreach.

WHEREAS, the National Medal for Museum and Library Service from the Institute of Museum and Library Services is the nation's highest honor given to museums and libraries around the country for service to the community, and was presented by First Lady Michelle Obama at the White House to Mid-Continent Public Library and nine other recipients; and

WHEREAS, Mid-Continent Public Library serves a diverse mix of communities in the greater Kansas City metropolitan area spanning three counties and 1,349 square miles that requires varied service offerings and multiple service delivery methods; and

WHEREAS, Mid-Continent Public Library has three foundational types of service: literacy initiatives, collections and digital resources investments, and community engagement efforts; and

WHEREAS, its individual branches also excel in developing new initiatives to better serve the public such as the successful efforts by the Red Bridge Branch to sign up Google customers, resulting in that Branch being awarded a Google Fiber Partnership to provide high speed internet service to library patrons; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council hereby recognize Mid-Continent Public Library as a recipient of the 2014 National Medal for Museum and Library Service from the Institute of Museum and Library Services; 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 Steven V. Potter, Library Director and CEO, with the appreciation of the Mayor, Council and citizens of Kansas City for the services provided by Mid-Continent Public Library and its staff to prepare children to read proficiently, to provide ready access to important information for a diverse and widely dispersed community, and to develop effective community engagement efforts for unique groups of patrons.

Authenticated As Adopted This
4th Day of September, 2014

Mayor Sylvester "Sly" James, Jr.

City Clerk/Director of Records



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