

PROCLAMATION FOR STL VILLAGE DAY

**Presented by Mayor Lyda Krewson at
Village Aglow – October 18th, 2017**

WHEREAS, the St. Louis region has the 8th highest proportion of citizens age 65+ among the 50 largest metro regions in the country, and 90% of older adults want to stay in their homes and neighborhoods as a cost-effective alternative to assisted living communities; and

WHEREAS, STL Village, established in June, 2014 as the first Village in the State of Missouri, champions aging in place in a supportive, culturally and socio-economically diverse, multi-generational community of neighbors, with the purpose of enhancing the quality of life and well-being of older adults in the St Louis region; and

WHEREAS, STL Village, through innovation, collaboration, and advocacy, works diligently to combat the critical public health problems of loneliness, isolation, and depression in older adults; and

WHEREAS, STL Village empowers its members to stay active and connected in the community, thereby reducing isolation, increasing independence, and enhancing purpose of life; and

WHEREAS, STL Village rejects ageism, celebrates aging and promotes older adults as a valuable resource for the wider community; and

WHEREAS, STL Village provides a “neighbors caring for neighbors” volunteer approach that is cost-effective and enriching, ultimately improving the overall health of its members and serving as a model for other neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the people of St Louis, I commend STL Village members, staff and volunteers for their efforts and advocacy to improve the quality of life and well-being of older residents of the City of St Louis;

Now, therefore, I, Lyda Krewson, Mayor of the City of St Louis, do hereby proclaim the day of October 18th, 2017 as:

**“STL VILLAGE DAY”
IN THE CITY OF ST LOUIS**