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Resolution No. [19-08](#)

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE INVOLUNTARY ANNEXATION OF LAKE ST. LOUIS OF A PORTION OF A BLACK WALNUT TREE FARM

WHEREAS, the St. Charles County Council supports residents and businesses in the community; and

WHEREAS, residents in unincorporated St. Charles County have requested assistance from Council in the involuntary annexation of Lake St. Louis for a portion of a black walnut tree farm; and

WHEREAS, St. Charles County resident, Joyce Wiley, testified she has a 20-acre Missouri Conservation Certified Black Walnut Tree Farm and has lived in her residence next to the tree farm for over 34 years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Wiley testified that her property is in unincorporated St. Charles County on the east side of Duello Road and contains 2 creeks, a spring, a half-mile of rocky cliffs, a wildlife foot plot, a year-round working tree farm, practicing timber, stand improvement, 6 acres of mowing walnut fields, and a working sawmill; and

WHEREAS, the Wiley family is actively involved in walnut consult and elderberry workshops; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Wiley further stated that in Lake St. Louis on the north boundary there are 283 homes that was a forest two years ago; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Wiley stated she agreed to a temporary construction easement with the City of Lake St. Louis and that

bulldozers took down more trees than agreed to on the walnut field; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Wiley testified that many trees on the same fence line were left with half of their roots and will die within five years, according to the Forester with the Missouri Conservation Department, as he noted during an inspection; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Wiley testified that Lake St. Louis now wants to build a 50-foot-wide hiking trail that starts at the road on the easement to extend through the walnut field, up a hill through mature woods, east through the Catholic Cemetery to Lake St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Wiley testified that her children and grandchildren plan to carry on with the walnut tree farm; and

WHEREAS, other residents in the area also testified in support of Mrs. Wiley, her family and the black walnut tree farm; and

WHEREAS, the St. Charles County Council wants to recognize and show support for Joyce Wiley and her family history with the Missouri Conservation Certified Black Walnut Tree Farm.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The County Council of St. Charles calls for support of Joyce Wiley and her family's Missouri Conservation Certified Black Walnut Tree Farm and should the City of Lake St. Louis pursue development for a 50-foot wide hiking trail in unincorporated St. Charles County that would potentially cause damage to said property, that they do so in consultation with the landowner's

knowledge and not disturb the trees and business taking place on said property.

Section 2. The Executive Assistant to the County Council is hereby directed to provide this Resolution to the Governing Body of the municipality of Lake St. Louis to request that it discontinue the involuntary annexation of the Missouri Conservation Certified Black Walnut Tree Farm.

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CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL