

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the Trail of Lights Festival, originally Known as Yule Fest, established in 1965 by Mrs. Alden Mabel Davis and then-Parks and Recreation Director Beverly Sheffield as a holiday gift from the Parks and Recreation Department to the citizens of Austin and visitors; and

WHEREAS, with over 40 years of history, the Trail of Lights Festival is now firmly enmeshed in the fabric of the City of Austin's identity; and

WHEREAS, over those 40 years, the Trail of Lights Festival has grown and established new facets of this holiday tradition, including the Zilker Tree, an opening parade and a 5K run; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has made a commitment to establishing itself as a leader in the growing campaign to address global warming; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has already adopted a comprehensive climate protection program that requires significant reduction in carbon emissions through City departments; and

WHEREAS, the Trail of Lights Festival, an iconic destination for Austinites and visitors alike, should provide the same environmentally responsible leadership;
NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the City Manager is hereby directed return to Council in 180 days with a plan for the Trail of Lights Festival to become carbon neutral as soon as possible.

ADOPTED: _____, 2008 **ATTEST:** _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk