RESOLUTION NO. 20080508-051

WHEREAS, the City of Austin and the Emergency Management and Research Institute (EMRI) of Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India have developed a Statement of Alliance in pursuit of shared interests regarding the improvement of emergency communications and response internationally; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin and EMRI have agreed to work together to encourage continuous dialogue, participate in cooperative activities, explore grant funding opportunities to undertake joint efforts to improve emergency communications and response, and to appoint an official liaison to support such communication; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

The City Manager is hereby directed to fully support such communication and efforts with EMRI, including the appointment of the liaison, as described in the Statement of Alliance.

ADOPTED: <u>May 8</u>, 2008 **ATTEST:**_

Shirley A. Gentry

City Clerk