

## **RESOLUTION NO.**

**WHEREAS**, Preserve America is a White House initiative developed in cooperation with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the U.S. Department of the Interior, and the U.S. Department of Commerce; and

**WHEREAS**, the goals of this initiative include a greater shared knowledge about our nation's past, strengthened regional identities and local pride, increased local participation in preserving the country's irreplaceable cultural and natural heritage assets, and support for the economic vitality of communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the initiative is compatible with the City of Austin's interests and goals related to historic preservation, and will provide opportunities to apply for matching grants that will enhance and promote our community's cultural and natural heritage assets; and

**WHEREAS**, designation as a Preserve America Community will improve our community's ability to protect and promote its historical resources; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The City Council authorizes the City Manager to apply to the Preserve America program to designate Austin, Texas, as a Preserve America Community.

The City of Austin will protect and celebrate its heritage, use its historic assets for economic development and community revitalization, and encourage citizens and tourists to experience and appreciate local historic resources through education and heritage tourism programs.

**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2008

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Shirley A. Gentry  
City Clerk