

**RESOLUTION NO. 20090430-033**

**WHEREAS**, the University of Texas Athletics hosts the Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays to encourage the athletic competition of high school and collegiate athletes from across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, the 82<sup>nd</sup> Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays were held at Mike A. Meyers Stadium April 1-April 4, 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, Texas Relays is the second largest track meet in the nation and attracts over 50,000 visitors to the City of Austin; and

**WHEREAS**, the Austin Convention and Visitors Bureau estimates the event brings over \$8 million dollars in tourism to our local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the actions of certain businesses and the perception of unequal treatment put a shadow over the 2009 event; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Austin's African American Quality of Life Initiative expressly calls for more events that speak directly to the African American community; and

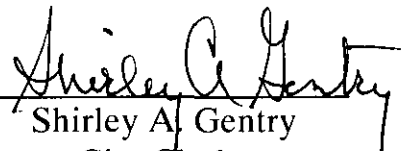
**WHEREAS**, Texas Relays brings African Americans from across the country to Austin and provides the City with an opportunity to welcome a diversity of people; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The City Manager is directed to create a staff working group to work cooperatively with University of Texas Athletics, Travis County, Texas Department of Transportation, and other entities to better facilitate future Texas Relay events; and to convene a group of community stakeholders to ensure future events reflect the community's interest in respecting diversity and fostering an equal quality of life experience for all residents of Austin.

**ADOPTED:** April 30, 2009

**ATTEST:**

  
Shirley A. Gentry  
City Clerk