RESOLUTION NO. ____________

WHEREAS, Mexic-Arte Museum is dedicated to enriching the community through education programs and exhibitions focusing on traditional and contemporary Mexican, Latino, and Latin American art and culture. Since its founding in 1984, Mexic-Arte Museum has been designated as the Official Mexican and Mexican American Fine Art Museum of Texas by the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Mexic-Arte Museum will be celebrating its 26th Annual Dia de los Muertos celebration, Austin’s largest and longest-running Day of the Dead festival featuring Latino artists and entertainment, an exhibition, and educational programs in the heart of downtown; and

WHEREAS, Mexic-Arte wishes to expand its celebration to include Holly neighborhood families in all of its activities; and

WHEREAS, there are currently funds that have not been spent in the Holly Good Neighbor program and cannot be used through existing programs this fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City Council to allocate these funds to other efforts that will enhance the quality of life for residents in the Holly neighborhood; NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:
The City Manager is directed to reallocate:

- the $550,000 designated by prior Council Resolution No. 20080925-081 for the Holly Neighborhood Home Rehabilitation Program to develop a master plan for Festival Beach, Fiesta Gardens, and the Holly Power Plant Site Park; and
- the $35,000 designated by prior Council Resolution No. 20080925-081 for grant-writer funding to the Mexic-Arte Museum for the administration of afterschool programs and the Dia De Los Muertos celebration.

ADOPTED: __________, 2009         ATTEST: __________________________

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk