

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the city of Austin conceived an effort to remind the citizens of Austin of the ultimate sacrifice made by Austin Police Officers in the name of public safety, security, and well-being;

WHEREAS, in April of 2008, the Austin Police Officer Memorial project was started and consisted of placing granite memorials at every location in Austin where an Austin Police Officer was killed in the line of duty to contribute historical value and serve as a place for family and friends to remember their fallen officers;

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 2028 requires the Texas Transportation Commission to authorize memorial markers on TxDOT right-of-way honoring peace officers killed in the line of duty who are not Department of Public Safety troopers; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the goals of Senate Bill 2028 and the Austin Police Officer Memorial project, the City desires to authorize placement of memorial markers in City right-of-way to honor public safety officers killed in the line of duty; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

1. The City Manager is directed to initiate code amendments to City Code Chapter 25-10 (*Sign Regulations*) to allow the placement of memorial markers in the public right-of-way to honor public safety officers who are killed in the line of duty. The proposed amendments should include reasonable requirements to ensure that the design, location, and placement of the memorial markers do not pose a threat to public safety or interfere with the installation or operation of public or private utilities.

2. The City Manager is directed to present a proposed ordinance to Council in a timely manner. The Planning Commission is directed to focus its review under Section 25-1-502 (*Amendment; Review*) on the amendment proposed by this resolution.

ADOPTED: _____, 2010

ATTEST: _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk