

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, in 1922 local developer Ollie O. Norwood and his wife, Calie Norwood, built a small bungalow on the bluffs above the south bank of the Colorado River, just west of the area where Interstate 35 now crosses Lady Bird Lake; and

WHEREAS, the Norwood House occupied a 3-acre estate that included a rose garden, a greenhouse, a fountain, a gazebo/teahouse, and the first geothermal-fed swimming pool in Austin; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin bought the Norwood Estate, including the house, in the mid-1980s; and

WHEREAS, although the house has not received dedicated funds for restoration, its historic significance has been recognized through the City of Austin historic landmark designation; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated neighborhood group has volunteered to raise the funds needed to support the first phase of a house restoration project; and

WHEREAS, the restoration of the Norwood House could help meet the growing community demand for useable public space, and provide an additional facility for hosting private events; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The City Council supports the efforts of the Norwood Posse and other community groups to fund and restore the Norwood House as an attractive and functional public facility for use by the entire Austin community.

ADOPTED: _____, 2010 **ATTEST:** _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk