

Late Backup

City of Austin Human Rights Commission

Resolution

Whereas, at 2:46pm on March 11, 2011 the nation of Japan was violently shaken by a 9.0 earthquake near the east coast of Honshu, 231 miles from Tokyo; and

Whereas, the earthquake triggered a Tsunami which decimated entire cities in northern Japan and triggered a subsequent nuclear disaster of which the affects remains to be seen, and

Whereas the earthquake and Tsunami resulted a tremendous amount of loss of life and property, displacing hundreds of thousands, and creating lasting social and economic consequences, and

Whereas the City of Austin is home to many with family, friends, and loved ones directly affected by this tragedy, and

Whereas, the City of Austin has joined in the relief effort by organizing a concert and flash light vigil to encourage citizens to help support the people of Japan, and

Whereas in in times of great tragedy, it's imperative that we recognize the devastation of natural disasters and maintain compassion for the people who face them.

Now, Therefore

Be it resolved by the City of Austin Human Rights Commission:

Recommends the Austin City Council resolve:

- 1) The City of Austin is committed to providing support to Austinites who have been affected by the tragic events in Japan and
- 2) Encourages citizens of Austin to help with the relief effort through charitable donation, volunteering time, or comforting those in need.