

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the African American Men and Boys Conference began in 2006 as a special project designed to provide resources, information, and support for developing a more self-sufficient African American community; and

WHEREAS, the African American Men and Boys Conference was incorporated as the African American Men and Boys Harvest Foundation (AAMBHF) in 2007 to build upon the already successful grassroots efforts to improve quality of life in the African American community; and

WHEREAS, the AAMBHF was specifically designed to bring together African American men and women to serve as mentors and role models for boys and girls with the primary objective of reducing the achievement gap between African American youth and their higher-achieving peers; and

WHEREAS, the AAMBHF continues its efforts to improve academic performance and long-term success among boys and girls ages 13-21, and improve the level of college-preparedness and enrollment among underserved youth; and

WHEREAS, the AAMBHF endeavors to provide all underserved youth and their families with timely access to an array of health, education, employment, and human services; and

WHEREAS, the AAMBHF has hosted 40 school-based conferences and over 600 workshops since 2006 for men and boys and for women and girls to strengthen the above-mentioned quality of life components in minority communities; and

WHEREAS, the AAMBHF is encouraging the establishment of an African American Youth Resource Center; and

WHEREAS, an African American Youth Resource Center is much needed in Austin to continue the holistic and comprehensive outreach efforts of the AAMBHF in underserved minority communities, and would serve a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the African American Youth Resource Center would serve as a resource center to students and families through a variety of initiatives including but not limited to: 1) an academic program providing homework, mentoring, and college readiness services, 2) a health, wellness, and sustainable life program teaching healthy life skills, 3) employment assistance programs, and 4) a personal management and a family initiative designed to strengthen the relationships between family members; **NOW THEREFORE**,

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

The City Manager is requested to prepare a funding recommendation to help establish an African American Youth Resource Center over the course of three years, based on the AAMBHF proposal.

The City Manager is asked to report back to Council no later than May 12, 2011.

ADOPTED: _____, 2011 **ATTEST:** _____
Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk