

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, Bartholomew Pool was built in the early 1960's as part of the Bartholomew District Park; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, Austin voters approved general obligation bonds to replace Bartholomew Pool, but before initiation of the replacement effort began, the pool experienced structural failure and was forced to close in 2009; and

WHEREAS, upon complete removal of the existing pool structure, an excessive amount of ground water was found, delaying construction of the new pool; and

WHEREAS, during the construction delay a City Council resolution was adopted directing the City Manager to continue to work with the community to revise the design to include deep water and a diving board; and

WHEREAS, city staff successfully worked with the community to redesign a sustainable swim facility that meets the community needs and can accommodate future aquatic facility trends; and

WHEREAS, the new Bartholomew Pool is unique with three separate pools to accommodate toddlers and adults, with recreation facilities including two slides and a diving board; and

WHEREAS, an opening day celebration for the new Bartholomew Pool is being planned collaboratively by the Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) staff and the community for June 14, 2014; and

WHEREAS, this will be the first grand opening in Austin of a new pool since 1996; and

WHEREAS, to celebrate the Bartholomew Pool grand opening and the successes of PARD and the community, the City Council encourages residents to come out and enjoy the new facility; and

WHEREAS, the community has requested that the grand opening celebration include free admission for Austin residents, while being mindful that Bartholomew has capacity limits; and

WHEREAS, Bartholomew Pool's opening day revenue in 2006, 2007 and 2008 was \$628, \$553, and \$714 respectively; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

The Austin City Council hereby declares June 14, 2014 as Bartholomew Pool Day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

In recognition of the Grand Opening Celebration, the City Council directs the City Manager to implement a one-time free swim day at Bartholomew Pool on June 14, 2014.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to publicize that the free admission and pool admittance will be based upon capacity allowances.

ADOPTED: _____, 2014

ATTEST: _____
Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk

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