

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, House the Homeless was founded in Austin in 1989 with a mission of education and advocacy surrounding all issues of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the House the Homeless Board of Directors voted to donate a sculpture by their executive director, Richard R. Troxell, to the City to commemorate and put a human face on the condition of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the sculpture will be created by Timothy P. Schmalz, a world renowned sculptor; and

WHEREAS, the proposed sculpture is estimated to have a fair market value of \$175,000; and

WHEREAS, House the Homeless has committed to maintain the sculpture in perpetuity and will raise funds to pay for the sculpture so that no taxpayer dollars will be utilized on the project; and

WHEREAS, the life size bronze statue will feature an elderly woman, a young girl representing over 1,000,000 homeless children, and a veteran representing 28% of the people that experience homelessness; collectively demonstrating the diversity of those affected by homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the City has held memorial services with the community and elected officials at Auditorium Shores for over twenty years honoring the memory of homeless Austinites that have passed away; and

WHEREAS, the Homeless Memorial is located at Auditorium Shores and features a live oak tree, two memorial plaques, and a bench purchased by House the Homeless and installed by the Parks and Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, the Home Coming Memorial sculpture is most appropriately suited for Auditorium Shores where the existing Homeless Memorial is, and where substantial pedestrian activity will maximize the community benefit and honor the importance of those lost to homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the Arts Commission serves as a valuable resource for the City and advises Council on all arts related matters; and

WHEREAS, the Arts Commission will consider making a recommendation to accept the sculpture donation at their meeting on December 8, 2014; and

WHEREAS, if recommended by the Arts Commission, Council should formally accept the sculpture; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

That the Council authorizes negotiation and execution of a donation agreement with House the Homeless, Inc., c/o Richard R. Troxell, President, accepting a figurative bronze sculpture titled "Home Coming Memorial" to be located at Auditorium Shores in near proximity to the existing Homeless Memorial site, with acceptance contingent on a positive recommendation from the Arts Commission.

ADOPTED: _____, 2014

ATTEST: _____
Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk

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