

RESOLUTION NO. 20151119-065

WHEREAS, on May 12, 1983, Council declared Adelaide, South Australia a Sister City to the City of Austin as part of the Sister Cities International program, and the cities established a bond of friendship and cooperation; and

WHEREAS, to mark the formation of this Sister City relationship, the City of Adelaide presented the City of Austin with a gift of precious jewels, including a pendant removed from the City of Adelaide's Lady Mayoress Chain, which was part of the city's gem collection; and

WHEREAS, the jewels are historic artifacts, including both an unset, black opal triplet stone and the pendant with gold-set diamonds, a pearl, and a half-moon shaped opal; and

WHEREAS, the City of Adelaide is now observing its 175th anniversary, and as part of the celebration, wishes to reconstitute the components of the city's gem collection for public display; and

WHEREAS, City Manager Marc Ott has reached out to the City of Adelaide and begun preparations to present these gems to the City of Adelaide as a Sister City gift, in recognition of Adelaide's special anniversary celebration and our cities' enduring cultural and economic ties;

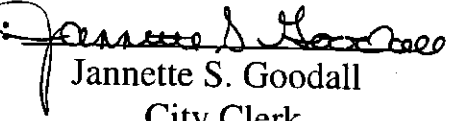
WHEREAS, the City of Adelaide has expressed its desire to present the City of Austin with a Sister City gift of significant Aboriginal art; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The Austin City Council extends its best wishes to the City of Adelaide on the celebration of their 175th anniversary, and invites Adelaide's City Council to visit Austin for an in-person ceremony and exchange of Sister City gifts.

ADOPTED: November 19, 2015

ATTEST:


Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk