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Item #28

RESOLUTION NO. 04

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

WHEREAS, music can truly be called a universal language; and

WHEREAS, the many musical traditions of Texas speak to a worldwide audience and tell the rich and fascinating story of our state's diverse heritage; and

WHEREAS, in addition to producing some of the finest players of classical, country, blues, gospel, jazz, tejano, conjunto, rock, pop, and new music, Texas is well known as a region where distinct styles fuse to form unique and popular forms of new music; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of Texas artists are widely recognized as trailblazers of American music who have pioneered and popularized new techniques and repertoire for a broad array of musical instruments; and

WHEREAS, the work of Texas songwriters, composers and lyricists can be heard throughout all sectors of American music; and

WHEREAS, it is very fitting that Austin, the Live Music Capital of the World, become the home to an institution where the great traditions of Texas music will be celebrated, documented, and shared with music lovers from around the world; and

WHEREAS, when the Texas House Committee on State, Federal, and International Relations took up the recommendations of an interim report to the 78th Texas Legislature on Texas Music, the Committee received testimony from citizens and elected officials in support of a joint resolution designating the Texas Music Hall of Fame as the “Official Texas Hall of Fame for the purpose of inducting therein Texas musicians, songwriters and other Texans who have made significant contributions to the art of music and establishing Texas Music Hall of Fame museums and displays”; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Music Hall of Fame, a non-profit organization, is dedicated to documenting, preserving, and displaying the musical heritage of the Lone Star State; and

WHEREAS, in addition to establishing a world-class facility to house and show exhibits, the Texas Music Hall of Fame will develop innovative programs that nurture musical creativity and promote the power and joy of Texas music in all its forms; and

WHEREAS, with the establishment of the Texas Music Hall of Fame, the citizens of Austin will gain a landmark of education and cultural preservation and music lovers throughout the world will have a new travel destination;
NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the Council directs the City Manager to show support for the Texas Music Hall of Fame, including considering co-location and co-development opportunities in the requests for proposals published for the Block 21 and Seaholm projects; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager forward copies of this resolution to the leadership of the Texas Legislature in order to show City of Austin's support for the establishment of the Texas Music Hall of Fame as the official Texas Hall of Fame for Music.

ADOPTED: _____, 2004 **ATTEST:** _____

Shirley A. Brown
City Clerk