RESOLUTION NO. 040930-26

WHEREAS, Virginia L. Brown was the first director of the original St. John's Neighborhood Center located at 7100 Bethune Avenue and among her many accomplishments, successfully advocated for the construction of the St. John Community Center and the J. J. Pickle Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brown was a pioneer and visionary for the St. John's community, being highly involved in community activities such as clothing and feeding the poor, providing shelter for the homeless, making health care affordable and accessible, and assisting the less fortunate with job opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department is in support of naming the recreation center in the community center located at 7500 Blessing Avenue, the "Virginia L. Brown Recreation Center"; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department is also in support of naming the community center located at 7500 Blessing Avenue, the St. John Community Center in an effort to retain the cultural heritage associated with the name St. John.

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

The City Council finds that Ms. Brown's long years of outstanding service to the St. John's community satisfy the criteria for the naming of a building and that the procedural requirements for the naming of a facility have been satisfied;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The recreation center in the community center located at 7500 Blessing Avenue is named the "Virginia L. Brown Recreation Center" in honor of Virginia L. Brown's many years of service and her valuable contributions to the St. John's community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The community center located at 7500 Blessing Avenue is named the "St. John Community Center" to retain the cultural heritage associated with the name St. John.

ADOPTED: September 30, 2004 ATTEST:

Shirley A. Brown

City Clerk