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RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, Barton Springs Pool, a historical landmark, is considered to be one of the crown jewels of Austin, covering three acres in size and fed by underground springs from the Edwards Aquifer, and

WHEREAS, over 409,000 people annually enjoy this spring-fed swimming pool, and

WHEREAS, the only known surface habitats of the Barton Springs Salamander (*Eurycea sosorum*) are located in Barton Springs Pool, Eliza Springs, Old Mill Springs (Sunken Garden) and Upper Barton Springs, and

WHEREAS, Barton Springs Pool is in immediate need of improvements to facilities, water quality and salamander habitat conditions, and

WHEREAS, the removal of the gravel bar from the deep end of the pool is scheduled for this fall to improve conditions at the pool for swimmers, salamanders and for the water quality, and

WHEREAS, City Council has unanimously supported the improvement of Barton Springs Pool by allocating \$500,000 annually in capital improvement funds until all items of the master plan are completed, **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

That the services of a professional consultant be obtained this fall to work on a comprehensive master plan for Barton Springs Pool that will address improvements to facilities, the grounds, infrastructure, water quality and salamander habitat conditions

That the comprehensive master plan be established through a public process that includes the participation and contributions of Friends of Barton Springs Pool and other interested stakeholders.

That the City Council be informed quarterly of the progress of the plan and of improvements to Barton Springs Pool.

ADOPTED: _____, 2006

ATTEST: _____

Shirley A Gentry
City Clerk