

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the Austin City Council adopted Resolution 20081016-040 directing the City Manager to identify potential funding sources to fund an update to the existing historic preservation survey; and

WHEREAS, initial cost estimates for the historic preservation survey exceed fiscal resources available to the City at this time; and

WHEREAS, a group of stakeholders from the University of Texas and the Heritage Society of Austin have begun development of a survey web tool that can build upon volunteer efforts already underway throughout the city to serve as a first step towards updating the city's historic preservation survey at minimal cost to the City; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Austin earned designation as one of the nation's *Preserve America Communities*, a distinction that recognizes communities that protect and celebrate their heritage, use their historic assets for economic development and community revitalization, and encourage people to experience and appreciate local historic resources through education and historic tourism programs; and

WHEREAS, *Preserve America* offers planning funding from the federal government to support communities that have demonstrated a commitment to preserving, recognizing, designating, and protecting local cultural resources; and

WHEREAS, grant matching opportunities include volunteer hours, professional hours dedicated from university faculty, and funding from non-

profits and other community organizations interested in historic preservation;
NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the City Manager is directed to work with the University of Texas and the Heritage Society of Austin in submitting an application to *Preserve America* in an amount up to \$250,000 in grant funds to develop an historic survey web tool to assist the City's historic preservation program.

ADOPTED: _____, 2010 **ATTEST:** _____
Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk