

**RESOLUTION NO. 20100408-028**

**WHEREAS**, the Ann W. Richards Congress Avenue Bridge in downtown Austin is the home of the largest urban bat colony in the world; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 125,000 people view the evening flight of the bats each year, generating more than \$12 million in tourism revenue; and

**WHEREAS**, Austin's colony of Mexican Free-tailed bats is an integral part of the character and culture of our city, helping to keep Austin weird;  
**NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

The City Council proclaims the Mexican Free-tailed Bat as the "Official Animal" of Austin, Texas.

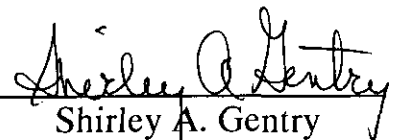
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The City Council proclaims the evening of the first Sunday in June as the "Night of the Bat."

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The City Council amends Resolution No. 021003-40 to add the "Night of the Bat" as an annual City co-sponsored event.

**ADOPTED:** April 8, 2010

**ATTEST:**   
Shirley A. Gentry  
City Clerk