

RESOLUTION NO. 20100930-027

WHEREAS, the City of Oita, Japan and the City of Austin, Texas, USA signed formal agreements of a sister city affiliation on October 30th, 1990; and

WHEREAS, for both cities' citizens, a mutual understanding and friendship has been deepened through exchanges over the last twenty years in a wide variety of fields involving economic, education, sport, cultural, and artistic areas; and

WHEREAS, the cities of Austin and Oita issued the Austin-Oita proclamation on partnership in 2006 and have tried to promote further exchanges between their citizens, aiming at the continued development and prosperity of both cities during this age of globalization; and

WHEREAS, on the 20th anniversary of this sister-city affiliation, both cities wish to express their deep gratitude to their citizens who have already contributed significantly towards the sister-city relationship; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of both cities for the future prosperity of each other's cities and of their countries, Japan and the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is with the full understanding of the benefits of valuable sister-city exchanges that both cities challenge themselves to be proactive in continuing and deepening relationships with the ultimate goal of permanent world peace; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

That the City Council formally expresses the City of Austin's commitment to the following joint-partnership objectives:

- 1) The Cities of Austin and Oita will follow the Austin-Oita proclamation on partnership and will support various citizens' exchanges based on mutual collaboration.
- 2) The Cities of Austin and Oita will make an effort at a more positive exchange participation by the citizens of both cities and the creation of a new mutual city endeavor through music, which is a common means of expression for both communities.
- 3) The Cities of Austin and Oita will support the international partnership exchange programs on World Peace and Global Environmental Protection for the next generation of youth.

ADOPTED: September 30, 2010

ATTEST:


Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk