## **RESOLUTION NO. 20190808-080**

WHEREAS, the Millennium Youth Entertainment Complex ("Millennium"), located in the core of East Austin, houses and facilitates recreation, entertainment, lifelong learning and professional development for its residents; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Millennium is to provide a safe, secure, and comfortable environment where families can enjoy a wide range of affordable, high quality recreational and entertainment activities and attractions; and

WHEREAS, in dedication to the tragic deaths of 16-year-old Tamika Ross in 1992 and 25-year-old Juan Cotera in 1996, the Millennium formally opened its doors to the public on June 18, 1999 as a wholesome entertainment alternative to reduce youth violence; and

**WHEREAS**, the Millennium has faithfully served East Austin for 20 years as of June 18, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Austin Rosewood Community Development Corporation ("CDC"), the body which governs the Millennium, was established in 1995 and has been comprised of esteemed board members that are educators, non-profit executives, business people, human rights activists, and religious and community leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, the Austin Rosewood CDC has consistently fulfilled the mission of the Millennium by working to ensure that its facilities and programming are safe, sustainable, and up-to-date; and

WHEREAS, the Millennium has received prolonged support from past and present community members dubbed "Promise Keepers", who have pledged to

support and maintain the mission and vision of the Millennium, and have dedicated the complex to the future of East Austin's youth; and

WHEREAS, the Millennium is set to undergo a combination of repairs and capital improvements in the near future that will bring about a more robust actualization of its mission; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

The City of Austin and the Austin City Council formally acknowledge that the Millennium Youth Entertainment Complex is a historical and cultural pillar for the East Austin community.

## BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City of Austin and the Austin City Council formally acknowledge that the Austin Rosewood Community Development Corporation is essential to materializing the Millennium's mission and serves as a form of representation for East Austin communities that have historically been underrepresented and marginalized.

## **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The City of Austin and the Austin City Council formally acknowledge that they have a responsibility and obligation to ensure that the Millennium is a viable public institution that adheres to its mission and adapts and responds to the evolving needs and wants of East Austin.

**ADOPTED:** August 8, 2019

ATTEST: Vanue

City Clerk