

RESOLUTION NO. 20150806-046

WHEREAS, on May 23, 2013, the Austin City Council approved Resolution No. 20130523-074 which declares the second Saturday in August as Barton Springs Fest to be celebrated at Barton Springs and provides for free admission to Barton Springs until 2 p.m. on that day; and

WHEREAS, Barton Springs Fest has been a successful day of celebration and learning at Barton Springs; and

WHEREAS, due to the summer school break and the large crowds on the second Saturday of August, there is a desire to move the Barton Springs University teaching and learning component of Barton Springs Fest as a pilot project to Friday, September 18; and

WHEREAS, past Barton Springs University sessions have been taught by city experts and leaders from the City of Austin's Watershed Protection Department, Water Utility, Parks and Recreation Department, and City Council, among others; and

WHEREAS, a Barton Springs University day of learning on a school day in late September will avoid conflicts with the summer weekend crowd and allow for more participation in Barton Springs University session by students, educators, and citizens interested in outdoor learning; and

WHEREAS, moving the free Barton Springs admission from the second Saturday in August to a Friday in late September will lower the amount of lost Barton Springs gate revenue while increasing the educational value of the Barton Springs University sessions to the Austin community; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

While the second Saturday of August will continue to be recognized as Barton Springs Fest at Barton Springs, the free admission component will, as a pilot project, move instead to Friday, September 18, 2015;


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The Austin City Council supports a Barton Springs University day of learning at Barton Springs to be held on Friday, September 18, 2015, at Barton Springs and to be open to the general public, with an emphasis on enabling Austin area high school and college students to learn from experts on the science, policy challenges, and historic and cultural aspects of Barton Springs, the Edwards Aquifer, and the waters of Central Texas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The Austin City Council appreciates and encourages the continued participation and cooperation of Austin Parks and Recreation, Watershed Protection, and Austin Water Utility staff in working with the Save Our Springs Alliance, the University of Texas Environmental Science Institute, Austin Independent School District, Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District, Save Barton Creek Association, and others in making the Barton Springs University 2015 pilot project a successful day of outdoor learning and fun at Barton Springs.

ADOPTED: August 6, 2015

ATTEST: 
Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk