

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, the City of Austin continuously strives to foster a more inclusive community, highly values its rich cultural diversity, and seeks to honor and celebrate the arts and cultural heritage that have shaped its identity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin deeply appreciates the immeasurable contributions and accomplishments of the American Latino community in an expansive range of creative, civic, and professional fields locally and nationally; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2010 United States Census, there are over 50 million Latinos living in the United States, making it the largest demographic minority population in the country; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, the Commission to Establish the National Museum of the American Latino Act was passed by the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has the power to authorize the establishment of a National Smithsonian American Latino Museum and designate its location; and

WHEREAS, as a national leader in matters of cultural affairs, the City of Austin's support would add impetus to the ongoing efforts to ensure the Smithsonian Institution better reflects the contributions Latinos have made to every phase and aspect of American history and culture; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

The City of Austin endorses and offers its support of federal legislation that would establish a National Smithsonian American Latino Museum within the Smithsonian Institution on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

ADOPTED: _____, 2017

ATTEST: _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk