

## **RESOLUTION NO.**

**WHEREAS**, the Montopolis Negro School is located at 500 Montopolis Drive and is owned by KEEP Investment Group, LLC; and

**WHEREAS**, the Montopolis Negro School is the last remaining of 42 “Negro Schools” in Travis County, a vestige of segregated education in the Austin community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Historic Landmark Commission and Planning Commission both expressed a desire to preserve the property; and

**WHEREAS**, the property’s owner has expressed a willingness to sell the property to the City of Austin; and

**WHEREAS**, the Montopolis Negro School is of undeniable historic significance and should be preserved by any means possible; and

**WHEREAS**, the Austin City Council passed Resolution 20170831-060 with a unanimous vote, calling for a significant increase in the allocation of Hotel Occupancy Tax revenue for FY18, a portion of which may be available for purchase of historic properties for preservation; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The City Manager is directed to negotiate acquisition of the property and return to Council with a status of the negotiation or a request for authority to acquire the property upon which the Montopolis Negro School sits.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The City Manager is directed to use Chapter 351 Hotel Occupancy Tax funds, or other lawfully available funds, to complete this purchase, if it can be completed.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The City Manager is directed to prepare a plan for restoration, management, operation, and funding of the property as a historic asset and museum that would attract tourists and convention delegates. A stakeholder process involving historic preservation professionals should occur to ensure the proper and correct preservation of the property and its grounds for all future generations of Austinites.

**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2017

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Jannette S. Goodall  
City Clerk