1	1 RESOLUTION NO.		
2	WHEREAS, on May 23, 2013, the Austin City Council approved Resolution No.		
3	20130523-074 which declares the second Saturday in August as Barton Springs Fest to		
4	be celebrated at Barton Springs and provides for free admission to Barton Springs until 2		
5	p.m. on that day; and		
6	WHEREAS, Barton Springs Fest has been a successful day of celebration and		
7	learning at Barton Springs; and		
8	WHEREAS, on August 6, 2015, the Austin City Council approved Resolution No.		
9	20150806-046 which moved the Barton Springs University teaching and learning		
10	component of Barton Springs Fest as a pilot project to Friday, September 18, of that year;		
11	and		
12	WHEREAS, the goal of this pilot project was to avoid conflicts with the summer		
13	weekend crowd and allow for more participation in Barton Springs University sessions		
14	by students, educators, and citizens interested in outdoor learning; and		
15	WHEREAS, free admission to Barton Springs was moved from Barton Springs		
16	Fest, the second Saturday in August, to Barton Springs University, in late September, in		
17	order to lower the amount of lost Barton Springs gate revenue while increasing the		
18	educational value of the Barton Springs University sessions to the Austin community;		
19	and		
20	WHEREAS, the Barton Springs University learning sessions and hands on		
21	activities are taught by experts and leaders from the City of Austin's Watershed		

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Protection Department, Parks and Recreation Department, City Council and leading
experts from other governmental agencies, educational institutions, and the private
sector; and

WHEREAS, the pilot Barton Springs University project successfully increased participation in outdoor learning for students, educators, and citizens, with approximately 450 high school students attending, which increased to approximately 700 students in its second year in 2016 and 900 students in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the continuation of Barton Springs University as an independent annual event will sustain outdoor learning in Austin for years to come and provide a basic literacy in water resources, freshwater ecosystems, and water policy for Austin area students and the general public; and

WHEREAS, the date for this year's Barton Springs University has been set for
Tuesday, September 25, 2018; and

WHEREAS, learning sessions at Barton Springs University are planned to run from 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. on that day, with City of Austin experts again leading several of the learning sessions; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

- 39 That the Austin City Council proclaims Tuesday, September 25, 2018 as Barton
 40 Springs University Day; and
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: 43

44 The Austin City Council supports a Barton Springs University day of learning at Barton Springs to be held on Tuesday, September 25, 2018, at Barton Springs and to be 45 open to the general public with emphasis on enabling Austin area high school and college 46 47 students to learn from experts on the science, policy challenges, and historic and cultural 48 aspects of Barton Springs, the Edwards Aquifer, and the waters of central Texas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: 49

That admission to Barton Springs on the date of Barton Springs University shall 50 be free; and 51

52 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The Austin City Council appreciates and encourages the continued participation 53 and cooperation of Austin Parks and Recreation, Watershed Protection, and Austin Water 54 Utility staff in working with Save Our Springs Alliance, the University of Texas 55 Environmental Science Institute, Austin Independent School District, Barton Springs 56 Edwards Aquifer Conservation District, Save Barton Creek Association, and others in 57 58 making the 2018 Barton Springs University event a successful day of outdoor learning and fun at Barton Springs. 59

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ATTEST:

Jannette S. Goodall Secretary