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**WHEREAS**, the Barton Springs University learning sessions and hands on activities are taught by experts and leaders from the City of Austin's Watershed

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:**

That the Austin City Council proclaims Tuesday, September 25, 2018 as Barton Springs University Day; and

43 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

44 The Austin City Council supports a Barton Springs University day of learning at  
45 Barton Springs to be held on Tuesday, September 25, 2018, at Barton Springs and to be  
46 open to the general public with emphasis on enabling Austin area high school and college  
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

49 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

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

52 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

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

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61 **ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2018

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Jannette S. Goodall  
Secretary