

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, in August 2017, the Asian American Quality of Life Commission members recommended that the City of Austin explore a sister city relationship with an Indian city due to Austin's growing Indian-Austinite population; and

WHEREAS, the City has adopted certain procedures and policies for the establishment of sister city relationships; and

WHEREAS, in December 2017, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed by two citizen groups from Pune, India, and Austin, Texas, to outline activities to demonstrate community benefit. Resulting activities included but are not limited to: a Smart City Hackathon, an Austin Business Delegation, and literary cultural exchanges; and

WHEREAS, in January 2018 the City of Austin and the Greater Austin Asian Chamber of Commerce identified Pune, India, as the best candidate for a sister city relationship; and;

WHEREAS, a Friendship City Agreement was signed in September 2018 in Pune, India, by Council Member Alison Alter and Mayor Mukta Tilak; and

WHEREAS, a candidate sister city committee for the establishment of sister city relationships between the City and Pune Municipal Corporation, India, has been formed; and

WHEREAS, that candidate sister city committee has previously submitted a proposal in support of the establishment of a sister city relationship between the City and Pune Municipal Corporation, India, to the Austin Sister Cities International

Executive Committee Board for its consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Austin Sister Cities International Executive Committee Board has reviewed the proposal for a sister city relationship between the City and Pune Municipal Corporation, India, and has recommended to City Council that a sister city relationship with the Pune Municipal Corporation be established; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that the proposed sister city relationship between the City and the Pune Municipal Corporation will promote and facilitate greater understanding of the cultural, economic, and educational ideals of the two communities and their citizenry; and

WHEREAS, the Pune Municipal Corporation has adopted a similar resolution and taken similar actions to establish a sister city relationship with the City; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The City Council establishes a sister city relationship between the City and the Pune Municipal Corporation, India, and authorizes the Mayor to execute a sister city Agreement to establish that relationship. The City Manager is authorized to take all appropriate steps to implement this resolution.

ADOPTED: _____, 2019

ATTEST: _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk