

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2017-17**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS, IN SUPPORT OF A CULTURAL DISTRICT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DOWNTOWN TYLER CULTURAL DISTRICT; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent the Tyler City Council to promote the general welfare of the public;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tyler Main Street Department, the Heart of Tyler Advisory Board and the Downtown Tyler Arts Coalition request support for an application to the Texas Commission for the Arts for the establishment of a Downtown Tyler Cultural District; and

**WHEREAS**, the designation of a Downtown Tyler Cultural District would provide for numerous benefits by furthering the revitalization of downtown Tyler and increase the potential for future funding from the Texas Commission for the Arts; and

**WHEREAS**, the downtown revitalization effort to this date has resulted in private reinvestment of more than \$200 million, new jobs and businesses, creation of City Council-designated Downtown Business Arts and Culture District, arts programming in all disciplines, public art, juried exhibits, the opening of Gallery Main Street, Liberty Hall and the Innovation Pipeline; and

**WHEREAS**, downtown revitalization and development of the arts are major goals in Tyler 1<sup>st</sup>, the City of Tyler Master Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, Texas Cultural District status awarded by the Texas Commission on the Arts enables a designated community to apply for special funding to diversify local economies, generate revenue, and attract visitors and investment; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed cultural district boundaries will mirror the existing Downtown Business, Arts and Culture District as designated by the Tyler City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, adoption of this Resolution is considered to be in the public interest;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS;**

**PART 1:** That the Tyler City Council hereby supports the establishment of a Downtown Tyler Cultural District and encourages such action as may be necessary by City staff and community partners and volunteers to proceed with assistance in the cultural district designation application with the Texas Commission for the Arts; and

**PART 2:** That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 24th day of May, A.D., 2017.

  
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MARTIN HEINES, MAYOR  
OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Cassandra Brager  
CASSANDRA BRAGER, CITY CLERK



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