RESOLUTION R-2015-29

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS, PROCLAIMING THE CITY OF TYLER'S COMMITMENT TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND HERITAGE TOURISM AND DECLARING THE CITY OF TYLER'S INTENTION TO APPLY TO BECOME A PRESERVE AMERICA COMMUNITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City Council to promote the public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the powers granted to municipalities under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 211, Subchapter A., are for the purpose of promoting the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare, as well as preserving places and areas of historical, cultural architectural importance and significance; and

WHEREAS, the Tyler City Council has adopted provisions related to historical preservation in the Unified Development Code, Tyler City Code Chapter 10; and

WHEREAS, Tyler City Code Chapter 10 includes provisions related to designation of historic landmarks and districts, tax abatement, and designation of a Local Preservation Officer; and

WHEREAS, Preserve America is a White House initiative developed in cooperation with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the U.S. Department of the Interior, and the U.S. Department of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the Preserve America initiative include a greater shared knowledge about the Nation's past, strengthened regional identities and local pride, increased local participation in preserving the Nation's irreplaceable cultural and natural heritage assets, and support for the economic vitality of communities; and

WHEREAS, the Preserve America initiative is compatible with the Tyler community's interests and goals related to historic preservation; and

WHEREAS, designation as a Preserve America Community will improve the Tyler community's ability to protect and promote its historical resources; and

WHEREAS, on September 2, 2015, the Historical Preservation Board reviewed this proposed Resolution and recommended adoption by the City Council;

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

PART 1: That the City of Tyler will apply to become a Preserve America Community.

PART 2: That the City Council of the City of Tyler, Texas, will continue to protect and celebrate the community's heritage, will use its historic assets for economic development and community revitalization, and will encourage people to experience and appreciate local historic resources through education and heritage tourism programs.

PART 3: That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 28th day of October, 2015.

MARTIN HEIMES, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

STEVEN M. KEAN, DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY