

RESOLUTION NO. 40-2005

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, INDICATING A COMMITMENT TO THE PRESERVATION OF THE HERITAGE OF THE CITY OF ABILENE AND SEEKING FUNDS THROUGH THE PRESERVE AMERICA COMMUNITY INITIATIVE.

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the importance of historically, architecturally, and culturally significant sites and structures in the City of Abilene; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has heretofore established an ordinance for zoning of historical sites and structures; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has adopted a historic preservation plan; and

WHEREAS, Abilene has been designated as a *Preserve America* Community, -- 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 this initiative include a greater shared knowledge about our Nation's past, strengthened regional identities and local pride, increased local participation in preserving the country's irreplaceable cultural and natural heritage assets, and support for the economic vitality of communities; and

WHEREAS, this initiative is compatible with our community's interests and goals related to historic preservation; and

WHEREAS, a grant through the *Preserve America Community* program will improve the community's ability to protect and promote its historical resources; and lead to economic development through heritage tourism to the city and region.

WHEREAS, the City Council has carefully considered this commitment and finds that said commitment shall be beneficial to historically, architecturally, and culturally significant sites; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:

That the City of Abilene, the Abilene Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Abilene Cultural Affairs Council will apply for a *Preserve America* grant as a *Preserve America* Community, and;

That the City of Abilene desires to protect and celebrate our heritage, use our historic assets for economic development and community revitalization, and encourage people to experience and appreciate local historic resources through education and heritage tourism programs.

ADOPTED THIS 1st day of December, A.D. 2005.

ATTEST:

  
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CITY SECRETARY

  
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MAYOR

APPROVED:

  
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CITY ATTORNEY