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WHEREAS, The Millennium Youth Entertainment Complex has been a tangible symbol of the will of peaceful activism among East Austin youth for 15 years;

WHEREAS, The Millennium Complex was the brainchild of a City Council Advisory Board, one of whose members, Juan Javier Cotera, was tragically killed in 1996. It's mission to provide a safe, secure and comfortable environment (free from drugs, gangs, crime and violence) where families can enjoy a wide range of affordable, high quality recreational and entertainment activities and attractions, continues to be fulfilled;

WHEREAS, The Millennium Complex is owned by the City of Austin, governed by the Austin Rosewood Community Development Corporation and managed by SMG World. Ms. Vanessa Silas has served as General Manager for 14 years. This 55,000 square foot venue, features a 154-seat movie theater, 16 bowling lanes, roller skating rink, video arcade area, event spaces and a food court;

WHEREAS, It is important to acknowledge that the Millennium, Complex was born from blood, tears, and the hope of peace, and despite the many obstacles throughout the years, has kept the promise made to the children in the community, the late Tamika Ross' and Juan Javier Cotera's parents, and the memory of other violently slain youth. A portrait Of Tameka Ross is lovingly displayed in the facility today;

WHEREAS, This initiative recognizes youth leaders, Jennifer Muhammed, Michael Bryant, Juan and Marta Cotera and a group of approximately 20 MYEC promise keepers who focused on

developing a solution in their community. It acknowledges that through perseverance and hard work, the promise will remind all of us to strive to replace violence with peace, hatred with love and complacency with action; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the Travis County Commissioners Court encourages all residents of Travis County to attend festivities at the Grand Re-Opening of the Millennium Youth Entertainment Complex on Saturday, February 22, 2014, at 2:00 PM. The address is 1156 Hargrave Street.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT, DO HEREBY DESIGNATE FEBRUARY 22, 2014 AS

"MILLENNIUM YOUTH ENTERTAINMENT COMPLEX DAY"

IN TRAVIS COUNTY.

Signed and entered on this 18th day of February, 2014.

SAMUEL T. BISCOE
County Judge

RON DAVIS
Commissioner, Pct. 1

BRUCE TODD
Commissioner, Pct. 2

GERALD DAUGHERTY
Commissioner, Pct. 3

MARGARET GOMEZ
Commissioner, Pct. 4