

A RESOLUTION **2018-05-03-0027R**

**PROCLAIMING MAY 1-6, 2018 THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS
TRICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE WEEK.**

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WHEREAS, on May 1, 1718, what was to become the City of San Antonio was founded by Spanish settlers who established the Mission San Antonio de Valero (later known as the Alamo); and

WHEREAS, Fray Antonio de Olivares, a Franciscan Friar, ventured on a religious expedition in 1665 to the Americas and officiated the first Catholic mass in the area, now known as San Antonio, on May 1, 1718, helped found the mission San Antonio de Valero and Presidio San Antonio de B  xar, develop the Acequia Madre de Valero, and worked with the Payaya Indians to create important linkages in the region that remain today; and

WHEREAS, for generations, we have had cultural and familial ties with Mexico, as Texas remained in the hands of the Spanish until the Mexican Revolution, and our region was a part of the Republic of Mexico from 1821 to 1836, and annexed by the United States in 1845; and

WHEREAS, the City established our sister city relationship with Guadalajara in 1974, which today presented the San Antonio decree – a priceless document related to San Antonio’s founding; and

WHEREAS, the City has had a permanent presence in Mexico City since 1985 through Casa San Antonio, an office meant to strengthen business ties and trade initiatives with our southernmost neighbor; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gwangju, Korea, which houses ancient temples, iconic industrial parks, established a sister city relationship with San Antonio in 1981, and is a UNESCO Creative City of Media Arts; and

WHEREAS, San Antonio established a sister city relationship with the City of Kumamoto, Japan, in 1987, and a commemorative ceremony was held at the San Antonio Botanical Garden to celebrate the 30th anniversary of this special relationship, where the beautiful Kumamoto En at the Botanical Garden, a gift from Kumamoto that reminds us of this beautiful friendship; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 the City became sister cities with Wuxi, China, a 3,000 year-old city on the Yangtze River in Jiangsu Province due northwest of Shanghai, an attractive tourist and residential center with a strong focus on textiles, manufacturing, and technology; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the City established a sister city relationship with Windhoek, Namibia, dubbed the “Cleanest City in Africa” known for its transportation, tourism, communication, agriculture, finance, and business services, and shares our concerns for the future of water; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 we established our most recent sister city relationship with Darmstadt,

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Germany, a wonderful "City of Science" considered Europe's Silicon Valley, and is currently on the waiting list for World Heritage status for its famous Artists' Colony; and

WHEREAS, three hundred years after our founding, the City of San Antonio welcomed esteemed guests from Sister Cities, Relationship Cities, Official Guests and Delegations who traveled far and wide to celebrate our **Tricentennial Commemorative Week** with us; and

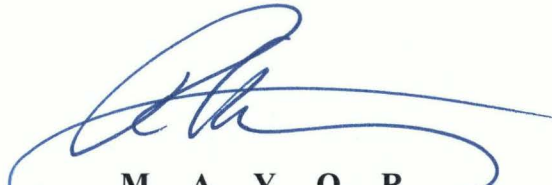
WHEREAS, the City of San Antonio is grateful for its Sister Cities and visiting dignitaries from around the world, as our relationships with other cities across the world are pivotal in order for us to remain a global, inclusive city for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

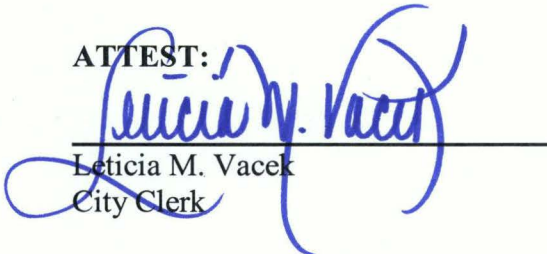
SECTION 1. May 1 – 6, 2018 is declared to be the City of San Antonio Tricentennial Commemorative Week.

SECTION 2. This Resolution is effective upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective ten days after passage.

Passed and approved on the 3rd day of May, 2018.

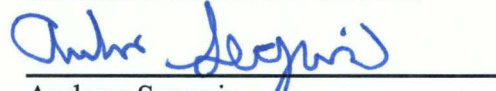

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City Clerk

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City Attorney