

## CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the neighborhood known as Victorian Village, bounded by Poplar Avenue, Manassas, Madison Avenue and Danny Thomas Boulevard has a nationally recognized collection of 19<sup>th</sup> century homes including the Mallory-Neely House Museum, The Woodruff-Fontaine House Museum and ten other structures listed on the National Register of Historic Places which are significant to the history of the City and the core of our heritage tourism industry; and

WHEREAS, *Preserve America* is a White House initiative developed in cooperation with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the Department of the Interior, and other Federal agencies; Mrs. Laura Bush, First Lady of the United States, serves as the Honorary Chair of this initiative and the *Preserve America* grant program is administered by the National Park Service and the U.S. Department of the Interior; and

WHEREAS, Victorian Village was designated as a *Preserve America* Community Neighborhood in May of 2008, the application having been submitted by Victorian Village Inc. Community Development Corporation, and supported by Mayor Herenton, Councilwoman Barbara Swearingen Ware, and Congressman Steve Cohen.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Memphis City Council hereby supports the efforts of Victorian Village Inc. CDC (VVI) to apply for grant funding from *Preserve America* to promote heritage tourism programs in Victorian Village, and if projects are awarded, the Memphis City Council will support VVI's commitment to the project.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that this action is taken to encourage heritage tourism and strengthen the neighborhood of Victorian Village in Memphis.