



Confucius Institute at Texas Southern University

WHEREAS, in 2012, a **Texas Southern University (TSU)** delegation traveled to Beijing China to sign an agreement with the Chinese government establishing an international **Confucius Institute** at **TSU**; and,

WHEREAS, the **Confucius Institute** is a partnership between **TSU** and Beijing, Jiaotong University, the premiere technology university in China; and,

WHEREAS, **TSU's Confucius Institute** is one of only 226 centers worldwide and one of 42 in the United States authorized through the Chinese government; and,

WHEREAS, by establishing the only **Confucius Institute** in the greater Houston area, **TSU** will have the opportunity to develop academic and cultural programs related to Chinese language and cultures; and,

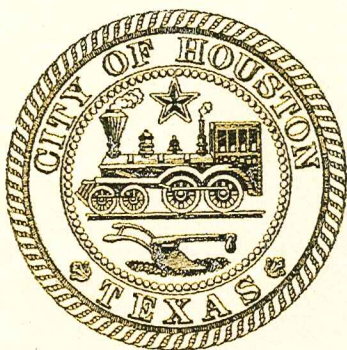
WHEREAS, the **Confucius Institute** will be housed in **TSU's** College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences, which has been developing several courses related to Chinese study, including Asian/Chinese History, Chinese Literature in Translation, Study of Houstonian International Communities, the Chinese Community in Texas and Chinese Language; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Houston commends **Texas Southern University** on its efforts to partner with the Beijing Jiatong University and congratulates the university on the cultural expansion of the **TSU** campus.

THEREFORE, I, Annise D. Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaim April 12 2013, as

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in Houston, Texas.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Houston to be affixed this 28th day of March, 2013.

Annise D. Parker

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Mayor of the City of Houston