

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the City of Austin values and embraces the diversity and cultures of all of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the population of Austin continues to grow and diversify, and in response, the City Council has formed a number of quality of life commissions including the African American Resource Advisory Commission, the Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission, and the Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Advisory Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) community crosses ethnic, racial, and socioeconomic lines, and includes members from across the entire Austin community; and

WHEREAS, a 2015 Gallup poll reported an estimated 5.3% of the Austin population identifies as a member of the LGBTQ community, though a challenge persists in the ability to accurately count this population; and

WHEREAS, the LGBTQ community faces particular needs and issues including those of health, safety, economic opportunity and affordability, mobility, cultural and learning opportunities, and government access and accountability; and

WHEREAS, cultural quality of life commissions serve the important purpose of engaging cultural communities, and can identify policies and resources to serve the particular needs of those communities, such needs including those relating to health, safety, economic opportunity and affordability, mobility, cultural and learning opportunities, and government access and accountability; and

WHEREAS, on January 18, 2017, members of the LGBTQ community assembled an ad hoc group who met to deliberate and make recommendations relating to the formation of a City advisory body; and

WHEREAS, the creation of such an advisory body will assist the City of Austin in addressing the unique needs of this population; **NOW THEREFORE**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to process amendments to City Code Chapter 2-1 brought by the City Council, relating to formation of an advisory board to be designated the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Quality of Life Advisory Commission, and relating to the composition, functions, duties, and conduct of such commission.

ADOPTED: _____, 2017 **ATTEST:** _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk