RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE 14.031 OF THE TEXAS CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

WHEREAS, the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 14.031 has been utilized by Texas sobering centers as the authorization for accepting persons charged with public intoxication; and

WHEREAS, Article 14.031 does not specify sobering centers as "responsible person" per se; and

WHEREAS, sobering centers are a solution to costly jail overcrowding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SOBERING CENTER SERVING AUSTIN TRAVIS COUNTY BOARD

Supports legislative action to amend Article 14.031 of the Code of Criminal Procedure to include sobering centers as facilities for the placement of intoxicated persons in the alternative to incarceration; and

Requests the Travis County Commissioners Court and Austin City Council add passage of such legislation as a Priority on its Legislative Agenda for the 86th Texas Legislature.

APPROVED this 12th day of September, 2018 by the Board of the Sobering Center serving Austin Travis County.

Nancy Hohengarten

Chair of the Board