

1 **RESOLUTION NO.**

2 **WHEREAS**, the Austin-Round Rock Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), which  
3 consists of Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, and Williamson Counties, has air pollution  
4 levels that are close to violating the federal standards for ground-level ozone (O<sub>3</sub>); and

5 **WHEREAS**, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sets federal air  
6 quality standards at levels it considers necessary to protect human health and public  
7 welfare from harm; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the Austin-Round Rock MSA's continued compliance with federal air  
9 quality standards is important to ensure public health, protect economic growth, and  
10 address the region's transportation needs; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the Austin-Round Rock MSA's air pollution regularly reaches levels  
12 that the EPA considers "moderate" or "unhealthy for sensitive groups" based on its air  
13 quality index (AQI); and

14 **WHEREAS**, actions which reduce emission of ozone-causing pollutants may have  
15 other environmental and health benefits, such as, reduced emissions of greenhouse gases;  
16 and

17 **WHEREAS**, the Central Texas Clean Air Coalition (CAC), of which the City of  
18 Austin is a member, is charged with the development and implementation of a clean air  
19 plan to maintain compliance with federal air quality standards and the development of  
20 policies and strategies to guide CAC members about actions that will achieve clean air in  
21 Texas; and

