

**RESOLUTION NO. 20190207-033**

**WHEREAS**, the state and federal governments have not successfully passed any legislation that has had a meaningful impact on gun violence and gun safety in schools, as school shooting incidents have been on the rise in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, until significant legislation is passed that prevents students from experiencing gun violence in schools, we must take proactive measures to be prepared for the unthinkable reality of the school shooting epidemic striking somewhere in our own community; and

**WHEREAS**, Stop the Bleed is a national program that encourages bystanders to become trained, equipped, and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives or before professional help can safely respond; and

**WHEREAS**, Austin does not yet have a Stop the Bleed program for high school students to mitigate the potential effects of a disastrous event; and

**WHEREAS**, Stop the Bleed efforts saved three lives in the October 27, 2018 Tree of Life synagogue mass shooting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and bleeding control techniques saved the lives of twenty to thirty people immediately after the October 1, 2017 mass shooting in Las Vegas, Nevada; and

**WHEREAS**, preventive efforts such as Stop the Bleed cause the community to think critically and proactively about personal health, public health, and the gun violence epidemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the Austin-Travis County Emergency Medical Services' (ATCEMS) Explorer Post 247 is an organization for youth aged 14-21 years in the central Texas area dedicated to ensuring that its members learn about careers in

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) through hands-on training, ride-along opportunities, and providing public and community service at local events, and it is an important recruiting and workforce development program for the City of Austin; and

**WHEREAS**, the Explorer Post 247 is currently run by a small group of dedicated ATCEMS professionals who volunteer their own time as advisors to manage the program; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's public safety agencies sponsor Explorer Posts such as EMS Explorer Post 247 and have the desire to bring Stop the Bleed to all high schools serving City of Austin students through established relationships; and

**WHEREAS**, many of the youths who enter Explorer Post 247 do so with the goal of working in EMS and the medical industry; and

**WHEREAS**, assigning the necessary full time Emergency Medical Services staff to create and coordinate a City-wide Stop the Bleed program would allow the city to reach all high schools serving City of Austin students and involve Explorer Post 247 and other public safety explorers to help make our high school community better prepared for emergencies; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The City Manager is directed to study and provide fiscal year 2020 budgetary and program recommendations for Council consideration that includes the estimated cost for Stop the Bleed kits for all high schools serving City of Austin students, including those in the Austin ETJ, and salary and benefits costs for the determined staff model that would manage the daily operations of the Explorer Post 247 and Stop the Bleed programs in Austin high schools. The budgetary and program

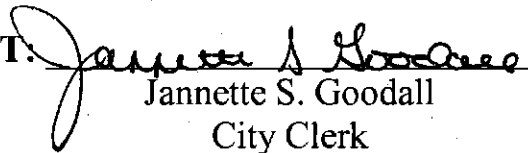
recommendations should also include consideration of, but not be limited to, providing internal EMT-Basic certification with teaching and structure tailored to the EMS Explorers, or provide a voucher alternative for EMT-Basic coursework at a local accredited institution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The City Manager is directed to work with regional partners and governmental entities to explore partnership opportunities to expand the Explorer Post 247 and Stop the Bleed programs to other students and high schools located in the ATCEMS service area and those schools serving City of Austin students outside of the ATCEMS service area.

**ADOPTED:** February 7, 2019

**ATTEST:**

  
Jannette S. Goodall  
City Clerk