RESOLUTION NO. 20190328-042

WHEREAS, craft beer breweries are a growing market segment in Texas with almost 300 breweries operating or under development in the state during 2018; and

WHEREAS, there are more breweries within Austin's city limits than any other city in Texas; and

WHEREAS, craft beer breweries are shown to contribute to tourism and economic growth in commercial districts where breweries are located; and

WHEREAS, the ability to sell to-go retail product directly to customers would create a significant revenue stream for small independent breweries, helping them to be more financially viable and increasing their economic impact on communities in which they operate; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that adding support for such a change to Texas law to its legislative priorities is in the best interest of the City and its residents; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

The City Council supports a change to Texas law that would allow retail togo sales by manufacturing breweries, adds this support to its legislative priorities and agenda, and encourages the Texas legislature and broader community to support enabling legislation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The Mayor and the City Manager are specifically authorized to sign any and all letters, petitions, and/or other documents on behalf of the City in order to promote the City's support of changing Texas law to allow retail to-go sales by breweries.

ADOPTED: <u>March 28</u>, 2019

ATTEST Onnet Jannette S. Goodall City Clerk