

1 **RESOLUTION NO.**

2 **WHEREAS**, on June 19, 2019, the City Council expressed the City’s concerns  
3 with and opposition to the Permian Highway Pipeline (PHP) in Resolution No.  
4 20190619-183; and **WHEREAS**, the City continues to have an interest in the protection  
5 of its natural resources including the Edwards Aquifer and Barton Springs, and an  
6 interest in how the PHP may affect its residents; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Edwards Aquifer serves as a major source of drinking water for  
8 two million people, is a vital resource to the general economy and welfare of Central  
9 Texas, and forms the only known habitat for the endangered Barton Springs Salamander  
10 and the Austin Blind Salamander; and

11 **WHEREAS**, on August 28, 2019, the City’s Environmental Officer released a  
12 memorandum summarizing the potential water quality impacts the PHP may have on the  
13 Trinity and Edwards aquifers; and

14 **WHEREAS**, in October of 2019, the City joined the Cities of San Marcos, Kyle,  
15 Buda; the Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District; the Wimberly Valley  
16 Watershed Association; and the Texas Real Estate Advocacy and Defense Coalition  
17 (TREAD) in submitting a Notice of Intent to Sue under the Endangered Species Act  
18 relating to the threatened and endangered species found within the Edwards Aquifer and  
19 Barton Springs; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

21 The City continues to oppose the Permian Highway Pipeline (PHP) because of the  
22 potential harm the PHP poses to threatened and endangered species found within the  
23 Edwards Aquifer and Barton Springs and City-owned Water Quality Protection Lands.

24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

25           The City Council authorizes the City Manager to participate in civil litigation, as  
26 appropriate, and, if necessary, to negotiate and execute an agreement for legal services  
27 in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

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**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Jannette S. Goodall  
City Clerk

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