

19 **WHEREAS**, the ongoing novel coronavirus pandemic has created a situation
20 in which regular polling location practices in Texas would not fall along health and
21 safety guidelines laid out by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the League of Women Voters Texas and other civic groups have
23 broad adoption of vote-by-mail provisions in upcoming elections; and

24 **WHEREAS**, holding all-mail elections is the only option that guarantees
25 Texans’ right to vote while also protecting public health; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the City is committed to the safety, health, and welfare of all of
27 its residents; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

29 City Council implores the Texas Governor and the Texas Secretary of State
30 to protect the voting rights of all Texas voters and to protect the public health of all
31 Texans by permitting voting-by-mail for all voters eligible to vote in Texas elections
32 during this crisis; and

33 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

34 City Council directs the City Manager to send a copy of this Resolution to the
35 Travis, Williamson, and Hays County delegation of the Texas House and Senate, the
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37 Texas Governor, the Texas Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the Texas House of
38 Representatives, and the Texas Secretary of State.

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40 **ADOPTED:** _____, 2020 **ATTEST:** _____

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Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk

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