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**WHEREAS**, public employees have been on the frontlines battling the pandemic, providing essential services, care, and support to keep our community running, and local governments need continued federal assistance to keep these public services going and to support these essential public workers; and

**WHEREAS**, despite efforts to mitigate the unforeseen severe health and financial impacts of the pandemic, the City of Austin continues to experience a significant demand for City services and financial assistance that exceed the budgeted funding for COVID-19 relief; and

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21 other service industries continue to be at high risk of COVID-19 exposure creating  
22 room for an increase in outbreaks; and

23 **WHEREAS**, additional direct and fiscally flexible federal assistance will  
24 help the City of Austin provide aid at a meaningful extent to local businesses  
25 currently at risk of closing permanently and to Austinites who continue to be  
26 unemployed or underemployed, and are at risk of losing their housing, during the  
27 duration of pandemic; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

29 City Council urges passage of the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus  
30 Emergency Solutions Act (“the HEROES Act”), or substantially similar federal  
31 legislation, to include additional support for communities, workers, small  
32 businesses, and local governments as laid out in “**Exhibit A.**”

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34 **ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2020 **ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
35 Jannette S. Goodall  
36 City Clerk  
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