RESOLUTION NO.

2	WHEREAS, the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic has led the City of
3	Austin to experience both significant revenue losses and unbudgeted expenses to
4	help combat the spread of the virus and to help keep everyday Austinites and small
5	businesses afloat; and
6	WHEREAS, public employees have been on the frontlines battling the
7	pandemic, providing essential services, care, and support to keep our community
8	running, and local governments need continued federal assistance to keep these
9	public services going and to support these essential public workers; and
.0	WHEREAS, the \$170 million in federal relief funds that the City of Austin
.1	received along with City reserve funds are helping provide critical assistance
.2	including grants and loans to help local non-profits and small businesses stay open
.3	food and rental assistance to residents, and funds for access to and personnel to
.4	administer COVID-19 tests; and
.5	WHEREAS, despite efforts to mitigate the unforeseen severe health and
.6	financial impacts of the pandemic, the City of Austin continues to experience a
.7	significant demand for City services and financial assistance that exceed the
.8	budgeted funding for COVID-19 relief; and
.9	WHEREAS, a substantial number of low-income Austinites working in
20	essential industries such as food service, accommodation, retail, construction, and

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