

RESOLUTION NO. 20201015-079

WHEREAS, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, of Brooklyn, NY, was one of the most notable and influential Justices to have served on the Supreme Court of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Bader Ginsburg broke barriers and served with distinction as a law professor at Rutgers Law School and Columbia Law School, and as a co-founder of the Women's Rights Project at the American Civil Liberties Union; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Bader Ginsburg served on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit for 13 years and on the United States Supreme Court for 27 years; and

WHEREAS, the jurisprudence of Ruth Bader Ginsburg blended moral purpose with precision and technical mastery of the law; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Bader Ginsburg embodied the Jewish values of *tikkun olam* ("repairing the world"); and

WHEREAS, Ruth Bader Ginsburg brought to her entire legal career, including her jurisprudence, a focus on reducing discrimination, particularly against women of every race, class, and life experience; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Bader Ginsburg believed that access to abortion, specifically, was essential to each person's autonomy to determine their life's

course, and to enjoy equality in our society; and

WHEREAS, in her final days, Ruth Bader Ginsburg declared, “My most fervent wish is that I will not be replaced until a new president is installed.”; and

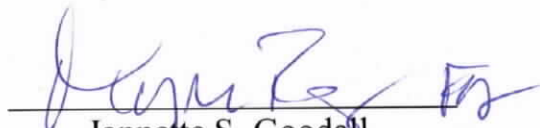
WHEREAS, the Nation and our City is deeply indebted to Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a truly distinguished American; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

- (1) extends heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Ruth Bader Ginsburg and acknowledges the lifetime of service of Ruth Bader Ginsburg to the United States as a trailblazing attorney, acclaimed scholar, and brilliant jurist;
- (2) recognizes Ruth Bader Ginsburg as a champion for gender justice, abortion rights, voting rights, the rights of immigrants, and the rights of LGBTQ+ individuals;
- (3) commits to upholding and protecting those values and Ruth Bader Ginsburg’s profound legacy by guarding against efforts to deliberately erode access to the rights for which she fought; and
- (4) asks that the United States Senate honor Ruth Bader Ginsburg’s dying wish that she should not be replaced until a new president is installed.

ADOPTED: October 15, 2020

ATTEST:


Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk