RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the Central Texas Red Cross is a proven committed community partner which has called East Austin home since 1973; and,

WHEREAS, the Red Cross location at 2218 Pershing Drive serves as the organization's Regional Headquarters providing resources to 9.4 million people within an 83-county service area; and,

WHEREAS, the Central Texas Red Cross has supported numerous relief efforts from local home fires to large-scale evacuations with local emergency management; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross collects 40% of the Nation's blood supply, provides lifesaving training through its CRP/AED training and aquatics programs, and provides support to veterans, members of the armed forces, and their families; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has provided the organization with a ground lease for the property located at 2218 Pershing Drive for nearly 50 years beginning in 1973 for an annual fee of $100.00; and,

WHEREAS, as the Central Texas population experiences rapid growth, so do the needed services the Central Texas Red Cross provides our region; and,

WHEREAS, the existing ground lease is set to end March 31, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, to accommodate the region's growing demand, the organization has requested a renewal to the ground lease in order to develop a new, eco-friendly, community-centric, and modern facility to serve East Austin and Central Texas; and,

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WHEREAS, the American Red Cross has received community support from relevant stakeholders for a renewal of their ground lease and the redevelopment of their existing facility; and,

WHEREAS, this new facility would ensure that the Red Cross can continue to prepare, respond, and help Central Texans recover from disasters by having a state-of-the art disaster operations center; **NOW THEREFORE,**

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

The City Manager is directed to negotiate a lease agreement, for a term of not less than 30 years, with a renewal option, with the Central Texas Red Cross for the real property located at 2218 Pershing Drive.

The lease may include:

1. Base rent at $100.00 per year.
2. The possibility for Central Texas Red Cross to redevelop the facility.
3. Central Texas Red Cross providing all maintenance and repairs at the facility.

ADOPTED: _____, 2021 **ATTEST:** _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk

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