

RESOLUTION NO. 20221013-028

WHEREAS, Officer Elijah Neely of the Austin Police Department contracted a serious illness on February 11, 2021 while in the line of duty and suffered multiple complications, leaving him hospitalized for several months; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Service Act provides for up to a one-year leave of absence at full pay for police officers who suffer illness or injury related to the officer's line of duty; and

WHEREAS, Officer Neely began a leave of absence, at full pay, on February 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Officer Neely's initial leave of absence expired on or about February 11, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2022, Council approved an extension of Officer Neely's illness leave of absence through August 15, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Officer Neely is currently undergoing treatment for his illness and intends to return to work when medically cleared; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Service Act authorizes a municipality's governing body to extend a police officer's leave of absence for a line of duty illness; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The leave of absence for Officer Elijah Neely's February 11, 2021, line of duty related illness, authorized by section 143.073 of the Texas Local Government Code, is hereby extended, at full pay, until February 23, 2023. This extension shall cover additional periods of leave necessitated by Officer Neely's illness.

ADOPTED: October 13, 2022

ATTEST:



Myrna Rios
City Clerk