



25           **WHEREAS**, MHFA training has been shown to increase participants’  
26 knowledge regarding mental health issues, decrease negative stigmas, and increase  
27 supportive behaviors toward individuals with mental health issues; and

28           **WHEREAS**, the City has created and invested in mental health  
29 programming, services, and diversion including:

- 30           • Adding a mental health option to 9-1-1 calls (Ordinance No.  
31           20190911-001) to ensure individuals experiencing a mental health  
32           crisis receive the care they need as quickly as possible.
- 33           • The City continues to closely partner with Integral Care as the local  
34           Mental Health and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities  
35           authority to ensure a system of mental health services is available to  
36           the community.
- 37           • Developing programming and training for Community Health  
38           Workers and Community Health Paramedics to improve community  
39           health outcomes by bridging community to resources, including  
40           mental health services.

41           **WHEREAS**, the City is a member organization of the Community  
42 Advancement Network (CAN), which is embarking on a multi-year initiative to  
43 increase the number of Mental Health First Aid certified individuals in our  
44 community and has established a short-term goal to train 100 people by June 1,  
45 2023; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

47           City Council supports the efforts of CAN’s Mental Health First Aid  
48 initiative to increase the number of MHFA certified individuals in our community.

49 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

50 The City Manager is directed to coordinate with CAN on establishing and  
51 planning to achieve community-wide goals for expanding the number of Mental  
52 Health First Aid certified individuals in our community.

53 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

54 The City Manager is directed to establish a plan to maximize the number of  
55 Mental Health First Aid certified employees within the City, prioritizing, but not  
56 limiting to, positions that are community facing, and setting internal goals and  
57 strategies to achieve them.

58 **ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 **ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

59 Myrna Rios  
60 City Clerk  
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