

WHEREAS, Honor Flight is a non-profit organization with a mission to transport America's veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit those memorials dedicated to honor their service and sacrifices at no cost to the veteran; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately eight Honor Flight trips from Austin Bergstrom International Airport (AUS) per calendar year; and

WHEREAS, Honor Flight seeks sponsors for each flight as well as donations; however, as the flights depart from AUS, City staff have provided some services that can only be uniquely provided by the City, such as the water canon salute from the Austin Fire Department (AFD), public announcements, staging areas and escorts, media coordination, social media coverage as well as general event coordination the day of each flight at AUS by Department of Aviation staff; and

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25 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Aviation, Austin Police Department (APD),
26 AFD, and Austin Travis County Emergency Medical Services (ATCEMS) provide
27 assistance to Honor Flight in the form of additional assistance at AUS to facilitate
28 check-in of veterans, parking passes, APD and ATCEMS staff traveling with
29 veterans, and a water canon salute from AFD prior to each flight; and

30 **WHEREAS**, the Veteran Services Consultant with the City's Civil Rights
31 Office will coordinate with Honor Flight for reporting purposes under the
32 cooperation agreement between the City and Honor Flight; and

33 **WHEREAS**, the purposes and goals of Honor Flight constitute a municipal
34 and public purpose by, among other things, providing outreach, education, and
35 recognition not only of the service and sacrifice of U.S. military veterans and their
36 families residing in the City but also the important role our U.S. military has
37 played throughout our nation's history in protecting and preserving freedom and
38 democracy; and

39 **WHEREAS**, it is important for the City to continue to help facilitate Honor
40 Flight trips from AUS in order to pay tribute to veterans travelling through our
41 facility; and

42 **WHEREAS**, City Council recognizes the City's use of staff time,
43 equipment and the need to waive permit fees and parking fees for Honor Flight
44 trips out of AUS as a necessary municipal and public purpose for the reasons stated
45 above, and wish to document the continuing relationship as a City co-sponsored
46 event; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

50 Any contributions of staff time or City resources this past fiscal year are
51 approved and ratified.

52 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

53 Resolution No. 021003-40 is amended to add Honor Flight trips as a City co-
54 sponsored event starting in fiscal year 2023-2024 and the City Manager is directed
55 to include Honor Flight in the list of City co-sponsored events for which fees are
56 waived annually in the ordinance adopted with the budget starting in fiscal year
57 2023-2024 to waive any permit and parking fees at AUS.

58 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

59 The City Manager is authorized to negotiate and execute a co-sponsorship
60 agreement with Honor Flight documenting the current practices and contributions
61 from the City including terms consistent with this Resolution and the City
62 Auditor's report regarding Honor Flight, as well as any future amendments as
63 needed.

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65 **ADOPTED:** _____, 2023 **ATTEST:** _____

66 Myrna Rios
67 City Clerk
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