



## Recommendation for Action

**File #: 23-2372, Agenda Item #: 93.**

**7/20/2023**

### **Posting Language**

Approve a resolution amending Resolution No. 021003-40 designating Honor Flight trips as City co-sponsored events starting in Fiscal Year 2023-2024, ratifying use of City resources for this current fiscal year, directing the City Manager to add Honor Flight trips to the list of City co-sponsored events for which fees are waived annually, and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a co-sponsorship agreement, to include automatic extension options, with Honor Flight Austin.

### **Lead Department**

Civil Rights Office.

### **Fiscal Note**

This item has no fiscal impact.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

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. Honor Flight has approximately eight Honor Flight trips departing from Austin Bergstrom International Airport (AUS) each calendar year.

The Aviation Department, Austin Police Department (APD), Austin Fire Department (AFD), and Austin Travis County Emergency Medical Services (ATCEMS) provide assistance to Honor Flight. The Aviation Department provides chairs and tables at AUS to facilitate check-in of veterans, parking passes for volunteers and special public announcements during the procession of veterans. Subject to availability, APD and ATCEMS provide staff to travel with veterans. Honor Flight is responsible for staff's travel expenses. AFD provides a water canon salute prior to each flight from AUS to Washington, D.C.

The proposed resolution designates Honor Flight as a City co-sponsored event, ratifies use of City resources for this fiscal year, authorizes the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement with Honor Flight, and adds Honor Flight events to the annual list of City co-sponsored events to be included in the fee ordinance adopted by Council each year starting in fiscal year 2023-2024. Council has previously approved other City co-sponsored events to include the Trail of Lights, the Kite Festival, HEB Austin Symphony July 4th Concert and Fireworks, Night of the Bat, HOPE Farmers Market at Plaza Saltillo and Austin PRIDE.