## **RESOLUTION NO.**

**WHEREAS**, Council identified homelessness as the top priority indicator in Austin's Strategic Direction 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City has experienced extreme weather events, such as severe cold and heat, and recognizes the necessity for emergency housing for its homeless residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Council adopted Resolution No. 20180426-030 endorsing the Austin Action Plan to End Homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, Council adopted Resolution No. 20190620-184 directing the City Manager to explore a variety of options to address homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes the need to assist families and individuals by providing temporary housing during extreme weather events; and

**WHEREAS**, vulnerable populations are at risk during all extreme weather events and may require emergency sheltering; and

**WHEREAS**, prior limited planning, low-temperature thresholds, and brief registration hours have had a significant negative effect on public safety agencies, who have responded outside of regular business hours, on weekends, and during holidays, and on the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, community organizations have organized independently and parallel to the City to ensure unsheltered residents have equal access to shelters and services during extreme weather response; and

**WHEREAS**, people experiencing homelessness would substantially benefit from an integrative and adequately resourced private-public ecosystem providing crucial services during extreme weather conditions; and

WHEREAS, when funding organizations within this ecosystem, it is essential to prioritize those entities that exhibit effective collaboration; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

The City Manager is directed to prioritize funding that enhances extreme weather shelter operations and increases direct outreach and support for unsheltered individuals.

## **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The City Manager is directed to consider the following factors and issues when prioritizing funding:

- 1. Funding should be dedicated to a comprehensive model review and modification of the extreme weather planning process, encompassing preparation through successful exiting and reporting.
- 2. Prioritization in funding allocated to emergency shelter operations should ensure an expansion in service provision and enhances the quality of holistic and accessible care.
- 3. Prioritization in funding should consider culturally competent outreach and service provision for unsheltered persons.

## ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Myrna Rios City Clerk