RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the City has a long-standing commitment to equity and the protection of the rights and well-being of all its residents; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ individuals have historically faced discrimination, prejudice, and unequal treatment and continue to experience growing levels of violence; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ individuals are nine times more likely to be victims of violent hate crimes than their counterparts and the FBI has reported a 70 percent increase in hate crimes against LGBTQIA+ individuals from 2020 and 2021; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ Texans are our neighbors, teachers, faith leaders, employees, and an essential part of the fabric of this state and contribute to the richness and diversity of our city; and

WHEREAS, historic markers play a crucial role in preserving and honoring the diverse cultural heritage of communities, providing a tangible representation of struggles, achievements, and progress; and

WHEREAS, 4th and Colorado streets in Downtown Austin hold significant historical and cultural importance, serving as a prominent gathering place for the LGBTQIA+ community and hosting numerous events and institutions that have contributed to its vibrant history; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the historical significance of this location by installing an LGBTQIA+ district historical marker will serve as a visible reminder of the community's resilience, struggles, and triumphs will foster a sense of pride among LGBTQIA+ residents and visitors; and

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WHEREAS, numerous organizations and community leaders, including LGBTQIA+ advocacy groups, local businesses, and residents, have expressed their support for the installation of an LGBTQIA+ district historical marker at 4th and Colorado streets as a symbol of inclusivity, strength, and unity; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

Council directs the City Manager to coordinate and initiate the installation of an LGBTQIA+ Historical Marker on 4th and Colorado streets as a symbol of the community's historical significance and contributions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

Council directs the City Manager to gather input from LGBTQIA+ community leaders, Human Rights Commission, LGBTQ+ Quality of Life Advisory Commission, and the Historical Landmark Commission regarding the content and queer figures to highlight on the historic marker.

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

Myrna Rios
City Clerk

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