RESOLUTION NO. 20230921-008

WHEREAS, a Federal Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit (the "BCCP Permit") associated with the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan ("BCCP") was issued to the City and Travis County by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) in 1996; and

WHEREAS, the BCCP provides developers and infrastructure providers with a faster alternative to the USFWS permitting process, lower mitigation costs, and more certainty in project cost and timing while allowing the City and Travis County to protect enough mitigation land to more than offset the authorized take for BCCP covered species; and

WHEREAS, the current BCCP Permit expires after 30 years on May 2, 2026, and, foreseeing a continuing need for take authorization under the plan, the City and Travis County desire to extend the permit for an additional 15 years; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Council authorizes submittal of an application to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to extend the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan (BCCP) regional section 10(a) permit for 15 years, resulting in a term ending May 2, 2041, for incidental take of federally listed endangered species under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act.

ADOPTED: September 21, 2023 ATTEST: Myrna

Myrna Rios
City Clerk