

RESOLUTION_____

WHEREAS, Austin / Travis County is the largest metropolitan area in the state without a medically-based psychiatric emergency services facility; and

WHEREAS, Austin / Travis County Mental Health and Mental Retardation has consistently faced financial penalties for exceeding Travis County's state allotment of inpatient bed days at the state hospital system; and

WHEREAS, overuse and reliance on the state hospital system has resulted in an overage of \$2.4 million in Travis County in Fiscal Year 2007; and

WHEREAS, the lack of local community resources for mental health crisis and inpatient services has placed additional burdens on the law enforcement and court systems; and

WHEREAS, the Austin City Council (City of Austin) is committed to working with other community partners to expand local efforts to enhance community mental health services; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

The City Manager is directed to make available as a psychiatric service facility the property that is currently being used by the Travis County Medical Examiner in the event the Medical Examiner is relocated and the property is subsequently reclaimed by the City.

ADOPTED: _____, 2007

ATTEST: _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk