RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the local governments within the Austin/Round Rock Metropolitan Statistical Area, including the geographical counties of Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis and Williamson, recognize that the ozone levels periodically monitored place them close to violation of the 8-hour National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency(EPA) Region 6 and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) have approved a 8-hour Ozone Flex Program option to assist local governments pro-actively seeking a means to maintain attainment with the NAAQS for ozone; and

WHEREAS, such a program would achieve air quality and public health benefits by implementing early voluntary pollution control measures for ozone tailored to local conditions before an air quality standard violation occurs or before Federal measures are mandated; and

WHEREAS, the 8-hour Ozone Flex Program is a voluntary local approach to ozone attainment whose purpose is to encourage early emissions reductions that will keep the area in attainment of the 8-hour standard; and

WHEREAS, the 8-hour Ozone Flex Program is implemented through an intergovernmental agreement among the EPA, TCEQ, and local community; and

WHEREAS, such a program would achieve air quality and public health benefits by implementing early voluntary pollution control measures for ozone tailored to local conditions before an air quality standard violation occurs or Federal measures are mandated; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

Mayor Will Wynn is authorized to execute, on behalf of the City of Austin, the 8-hour Ozone Flex Program Agreement with TCEQ, EPA, and other entities in the 5-county Austin/Round Rock MSA to improve air quality in Central Texas region.

ADOPTED: _____, 2008 **ATTEST:** _____

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Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk
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