

**RESOLUTION NO. 20090402-032**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Austin is dedicated to providing a clean, healthy environment for its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Austin has entered into an Early Action Compact with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to proactively address air quality issues in the Austin/Round Rock MSA; and

**WHEREAS** in March 2008, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency adopted a new, lower National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ground-level ozone which provides greater protection for public health and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, ozone levels in the Austin metropolitan area are currently near or above, the new standard; and

**WHEREAS** ozone levels recorded this coming summer will determine whether the Austin metropolitan area is declared to be in attainment or non-attainment for ozone; and

**WHEREAS** Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis and Williamson Counties, the cities of Austin, Bastrop, Cedar Park, Elgin, Georgetown, Hutto, Leander, Lockhart, Luling, Pflugerville, Round Rock, San Marcos, and

Taylor, and the Independent School Districts of Georgetown, Leander, Round Rock, and Taylor are all supportive of, and partnering in, efforts to reduce ozone levels in Central Texas; and

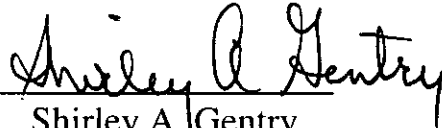
**WHEREAS** local leaders of organizations such as the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce, Environmental Defense Fund, CAPCOG, the Clean Air Force, the Clean Air Coalition, CAMPO, the Capital Area Transportation Coalition, the Homebuilders Association of Austin, and the Real Estate Council of Austin, are working together for a program called "The Big Push" to optimize and emphasize our voluntary reduction programs to reduce ozone, especially this summer; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

The City Council directs the City Manager to ensure that the City continues its current ozone reduction initiatives, implements additional cost-effective ozone reduction measures as appropriate, and works with local governments and organizations in Central Texas to support the "Big Push" to reduce ozone levels for the 2009 ozone season and thereafter.

ADOPTED: April 2, 2009

ATTEST:

  
Shirley A. Gentry  
City Clerk