

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed, and President Barack Obama signed, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, also known as ARRA, in February of this year; and

WHEREAS, ARRA appropriates approximately \$780 billion to both address short-term economic hardship and make transformational investments in infrastructure, technology and human capital; and

WHEREAS, some ARRA funds have been, and will be, allocated to governmental entities in this region on a formula basis to address short-term needs in our communities; and

WHEREAS, additional ARRA funds have been, and will be, allocated through competitive grants which place a premium upon creative problem-solving and innovative partnerships; and

WHEREAS, collaboration and partnerships amongst local entities including local government entities, school districts, and non-profits is critical to identify resources to sustain local projects beyond the ARRA funding period and to address other challenges that exist now or will arise in the Central Texas Region; and

WHEREAS, there are significant benefits of broad-based, community-wide collaboration in identifying and applying for stimulus grants, and in delivering services with grant funds; and

WHEREAS, representatives from the City of Austin have participated since April of 2009 in an intergovernmental effort to maximize stimulus dollars and their beneficial impact upon this region; and

WHEREAS, this intergovernmental effort has reached out to non-profits, key service providers, and other community leaders to exchange information, coordinate efforts, and evaluate results; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

That the City Council does hereby commend this intergovernmental effort and thanks and encourages the continued full participation of the appropriate City employees in this governmental endeavor.

ADOPTED: _____, 2009

ATTEST: _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk