RESOLUTION NO. <u>20100513-036</u>

WHEREAS, quality child care and family services are essential to the health of our community; and

WHEREAS, the Austin/Travis County Health & Human Services staff and the Early Childhood Council have worked tirelessly to ensure that continuity of services is a priority; and

WHEREAS, the City contracted with Austin Families, Inc. dba Family Connections in the amount of nearly $1.2 million in Fiscal Year 2009-2010 through four separate contracts, of which two involve federal funds;

WHEREAS, the City has terminated its child care services contracts with Austin Families, Inc. due to alleged misappropriation of funds and falsification of audits; and

WHEREAS, approximately $527,000 in social services funding and $266,644 in the Bridge child care program funding has not been dispensed to Austin Families, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 before Austin Families, Inc.'s contracts were terminated; and this funding is available for re-allocation; and

WHEREAS, the Austin City Council approved the negotiation and execution of an amendment to a contract with Child, Inc. in the amount of $141,884 to provider child care services for the interim period of May 1, 2010 through July 31, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the cessation of Austin Families, Inc. services has left a gap in services provided to over 35,000 children (approximately 8,293 clients were served by City programs funded with social service dollars in 2009 as reported by Austin Families, Inc. and 184 children and families in Austin and Travis County benefited from the Bridge child care program in 2009); and
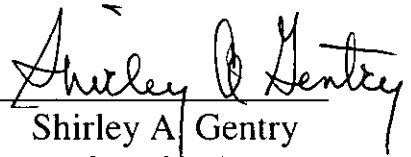
WHEREAS, the City has issued a Request for Application to administer the Bridge child care program for the period July 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

That the City Manager expedite any future Request for Applications and the contract approval process in order to maintain continuity of child care and family services for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

ADOPTED____May 13____, 2010   ATTEST: _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk