

## **RESOLUTION NO.**

**WHEREAS**, the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) was founded in 1913 to secure justice and fair treatment, fight anti-Semitism and bigotry, and protect civil rights for all; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Austin has recently experienced several high-profile incidents of what may have been or were perceived to be, hate crimes and/or discriminatory or prejudicial conduct; and

**WHEREAS**, hate crimes tear at the fabric of society and create tension, conflict, and hostility within entire communities; and

**WHEREAS**, it is critical for local government to ensure its community is fighting hate proactively through anti-bias education and by responding to hate-motivated crimes swiftly and with a holistic approach; and

**WHEREAS**, the ADL has provided a framework to begin a dialogue among community leaders to address the issue of hate crimes; **NOW**

**THEREFORE**,

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

The City of Austin is in full support of and shall be an active participant in a multi-pronged, comprehensive hate crimes initiative to foster a safe and welcoming community by building public infrastructure, awareness, and sensitivity related to hate crimes.

**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2010    **ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Shirley A. Gentry  
City Clerk