

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the City of Austin launched the AustinCorps program in September, 2010, as a way to engage outstanding students in their senior year at Akins and Crockett high schools; and

WHEREAS, these students completed a year long training program that included course sessions and internships with City departments; and

WHEREAS, AustinCorps students have recognized the need for Austin residents who are of high school age and younger to have a voice in community dialogue and to “learn the language” of civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, AustinCorps students have envisioned creating a citywide Youth Council composed of leaders from high schools across the Austin area who would assist the Mayor, City Council, and City Manager’s office in responding to the needs of Austin youth and devising community engagement strategies focused on Austin youth; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The Austin City Council directs the City Manager to assign a staff contact to work with AustinCorps students to implement the Austin Youth Council.

APPROVED: _____, 2011

ATTEST: _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk