

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, a network of medical institutions and organizations in central Texas, including, but not limited to, Austin Travis County Emergency Medical Services (ATCEMS), Hospital Physicians in Clinical Research (HPCR), Seton Healthcare Family (Seton), University Medical Center at Brackenridge, a member of the Seton Healthcare Family (UMCB), Seton Brain & Spine Institute, a member of the Seton Healthcare Family, the St. Joseph Health System, Capitol Neurology Associates, Austin Critical Care Specialists, St. David's Healthcare, Travis County's STAR Flight program, and the University of Texas at Austin (UT) (collectively, the "Participating Institutions") are collaborating to form a research center in the Austin region to be called the Emergency Neurological Research Collaborative of Central Texas (ENROLL); and

WHEREAS, the Neurological Emergencies Treatment Trials (NETT) Network, a program of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, was designed to improve the effectiveness and productivity of neuro-emergency research in the United States and has been very successful in its first five years managing multi-site and nationwide trials in the field of neuro-emergency medicine; and

WHEREAS, the Participating Institutions are preparing a proposal to join NETT as a "Hub", as opposed to continuing to operate as one of NETT's spokes; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The Austin City Council does hereby support the proposal of the Participating Institutions to form ENROLL and join the NETT Network as a Hub to help achieve the following benefits to the Austin region:

- early utilization of innovative treatments and evidenced-based research for Central Texas patients with neuro-emergencies;
- provision of the associated research studies and related expenses at no additional cost to the region;
- increased and accelerated education of emergency medicine and EMS personnel in the most advanced and up-to-date treatments for patients with neuro-emergencies; and
- opportunities for the Participating Institutions as ENROLL to contribute fundamental lessons, improvements, innovations and best practices in the treatment of neuro-emergencies to the global medical community.

ADOPTED: _____, 2011

ATTEST: _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk