

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, as of 2009, 366,292 residents in Central Texas lived in poverty according to the U.S. Census Bureau; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes it is critical to address and alleviate hunger in our local community and to ensure that citizens have access to information regarding available food and health services that are available; and

WHEREAS, a 2010 report published by the USDA estimates that only 55% of eligible people in Texas participated in the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Texas ranks 42nd in the United States for eligible people participating in SNAP; and

WHEREAS, SNAP participation can be greatly improved with public education and outreach about the program; and

WHEREAS, Food Day provides an opportunity for the City of Austin to raise awareness about City programs, food banks and other food and health- focused non-profits and create synergies with community partners by promoting educational activities about school lunch programs, community gardens, nutrition and other related topics;
NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the City Manager is directed to prepare community outreach efforts in conjunction with Food Day, October 24, 2011.