

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the City of Austin recognizes the vital importance of increasing civic engagement and local service efforts, including outreach to veterans of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the City of Austin received a Fund for Cities of Service grant to enhance the City's ability to address these issues; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has developed a collaborative working relationship supporting veteran workforce development with Workforce Solutions - Capital Area Workforce Board (Workforce Solutions), a local workforce development board formed under Texas Government Code Chapter 2308, and integrated Workforce Solutions into its Cities of Service outreach effort; and

WHEREAS, Workforce Solutions wishes to establish a Veterans Resource Center (VRC) within its North Career Center to connect veterans with employment opportunities; coordinate VRC staffing with other partnering agencies, including the City of Austin; coordinate workforce development services to eligible veterans, and provide the City with quarterly reports on the VRC's activities and progress; and

WHEREAS, Workforce Solutions intends to seek state funding from the Texas Veterans Commission to support the Veterans Resource Center; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to support Workforce Solutions' grant application and continued veteran services, which benefit the City as a whole;
NOW, THEREFORE,

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

The City Council requests that the City Manager ensure that the City continues to assist in the development of partnerships with other community organizations serving veterans; provide Workforce Solutions with information regarding veteran services available through the City of Austin; refer eligible and qualified veterans to the Veterans Resource Center for employment services, and promote awareness and use of the Veterans Resource Center.

ADOPTED: _____, 2011 **ATTEST:** _____
Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk