

## **RESOLUTION NO.**

**WHEREAS**, a growing number of homeless in Austin are single women, and an insufficient amount of emergency shelter resources exist to serve these individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, homeless women are vulnerable to physical harm when forced to sleep on the streets or in unsafe housing; and

**WHEREAS**, there are four times as many shelter beds for men than women; and

**WHEREAS**, emergency shelters operate at full capacity with waiting lists; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Austin coordinates temporary emergency shelter during cold weather events for safe sleeping, including the provision of security; and

**WHEREAS**, a coalition of community organizations and houses of worship have successfully piloted a program targeted at homeless single women and modeled on the cold weather safe sleep program; and

**WHEREAS**, client assessment at intake has been identified as a critical factor in identifying supportive services and housing resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Austin requires the utilization with the Homeless Management Information System (“HMIS”) in contracts for the provision of homeless social services; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The City Manager is directed to work with stakeholders to facilitate and support the continuing community efforts of the emergency safe sleep shelter for single women and the utilization of HMIS in that operation.

**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2012

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Shirley A. Gentry  
City Clerk