RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, federal, state and local governments across the country have established programs for either veterans business enterprise programs or disabled veterans business enterprise programs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has a history of supporting initiatives that will assist veterans as a means to honor their service to country; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has also shown strong support of small and local businesses recognizing that such businesses are the lifeblood of Austin's thriving economy; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council to explore the idea of a veteran or disabled veteran business enterprise program that will help promote meaningful business opportunities for veterans in Austin; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

The City Manager is directed to include veteran business enterprises in the disparity study analysis to be conducted by the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

Upon completion of that analysis, and if there is sufficient evidence of a disparity among veteran business enterprises, the City Manager is directed to begin developing a program for Council consideration that includes input and presentation to the Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprises and Small Business Council Committee and the

MBE/WBE/Small Business Enterprise Procurement Program Advisory Committee.

ADOPTED: _____, 2012 ATTEST: _____
Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk