

RESOLUTION NO. 20121108-048

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

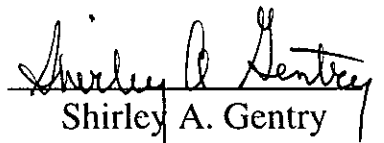
WHEREAS, the City of Austin requires the utilization with the Homeless Management Information System ("HMIS") in contracts for the provision of homeless social services; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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: November 8, 2012

ATTEST :



Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk