

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, access to safe drinking water is essential to human health;
and

WHEREAS, adequate sanitation and good hygiene are fundamental to human health but at risk without water; and

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2010, through Resolution 64/292, the United Nations General Assembly recognized “the right to safe and clean drinking water and sanitation as a human right that is essential for the full enjoyment of life and all human rights”; and

WHEREAS, under certain circumstances, the City of Austin disconnects both electric and water service for late or nonpayment of utility charges; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin did not disconnect water service for late or nonpayment of utility charges until 1988; and

WHEREAS, a City truck must be dispatched to disconnect electric and water service but in the near future, Austin Energy will be able to remotely connect and disconnect electric service at many buildings; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The City Manager is directed to return to Council by October 24, 2013 with proposed options to curtail disconnection of residential water service for late or nonpayment of utility bills.

ADOPTED: _____, 2013 **ATTEST:** _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk