

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the City has an interest in facilitating the public health of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 113,000 patients in the United States awaiting transplantation, including more than 11,000 Texans; and

WHEREAS, 18 people a day die waiting for a transplant due to this critical shortage of organs, tissues and eyes available for donation ; and

WHEREAS, only 42% of licensed drivers and ID card holders nationally have registered to be donors and only 17% have registered in Texas in 2013, ranking 49th out of 50 states; and

WHEREAS, the Workplace Partnership for Life is a national initiative, created in 2001, that unites the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services with the organ and tissue donation community and businesses, organizations, and associations to spread the word about the importance of organ, eye, tissue, blood, and bone marrow donation and to encourage the American public to register as donors; and

WHEREAS, the City undertook an internal campaign in 2010 to register city employees to become Organ Donors; and

WHEREAS, the City, through libraries, health facilities and other community centers, has the ability to communicate the public health benefits of organ and tissue donor registration; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The City Manager is directed to take any and all steps necessary in order for the City to become a Workplace Partner for Life and to communicate the benefits of organ and tissue donor registration to both employees and the general public.

ADOPTED: _____, 2014 **ATTEST:** _____
Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk