

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**WHEREAS**, water conservation and drought response address many environmental and social values consistent with the values and spirit of Austin; and

**WHEREAS**, Austin and the Highland Lakes are experiencing a drought of historic proportions; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Austin have successfully responded to calls for water conservation and drought response; and

**WHEREAS**, the “conservation conundrum” is an issue across the nation, in which declining water use means lower revenues for utilities, but the cost of providing service does not drop correspondingly; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council is firmly committed to ensuring an operationally healthy and financially secure water utility that continues to provide the highest quality water services to citizens; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

The Austin City Council is committed to a financially secure and healthy Austin Water Utility and intends to explore all options for keeping the utility in a strong financial condition; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The City Manager is directed to continue working with the Joint Committee on Austin Water Utility’s Financial Plan and the Water Wastewater Commission and to bring options back to the Council.

**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2014

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Jannette S. Goodall  
City Clerk

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