

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, as Austin expands further into rural areas there is more encroachment upon wildlife habitats, and interactions with coyotes have become more frequent in recent years; and

WHEREAS, Austin and its citizens have an interest in strategies and planning for animal welfare programs community-wide; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the City of Austin became the largest city in the United States and the first in Texas to be certified as a community wildlife habitat, and in 2010 the City Council voted for a plan to make Austin a no-kill city; and

WHEREAS, in February 2014, the Animal Advisory Commission (AAC) provided recommendations related to coyote conflict management, including a behavior classification chart and recommended response; and

WHEREAS, the AAC recommendation stated that education and ‘hazing’ methods are less expensive and they are proven methods to help alleviate the potential dangers that may result from coyote and human interactions; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2014, the City Council Public Health and Human Services (PHHS) Committee voted to adopt the AAC recommendations and further recommended that lethal responses will be

considered only in the event of an incident or an attack on a human; **NOW,
THEREFORE,**

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

The City Council approves the recommendations of the Animal Advisory Commission as amended by the City Council Public Health and Human Services Committee regarding coyote management, emphasizing education and hazing methods as primary methods and allowing lethal responses only in the event of an incident or attack. The City Manager is directed to adopt the behavior classification chart with recommended responses related to coyote management (attached as Exhibit A) as recommended by the Animal Advisory Commission and the City Council Public Health and Human Services Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to provide a progress report within 6 months to the Public Health and Human Services Committee.

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