

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, in 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed Executive Order 10980 establishing the first Commission on the Status of Women to advise him on issues of concern to women; and

WHEREAS, on January 22, 1970 the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women was established, making it the first local commission for women in Texas, and the fourth in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, the Austin City Council took a major step by passing an ordinance, which created the Commission on the Status of Women to serve as the official advisory body to the city council and city manager concerning the needs and problems of women in the Austin area and to recommend programs designed to alleviate any inequities that may confront women in social, economic and vocational pursuits, and in 1984 the Council changed the name to the Commission for Women; and

WHEREAS, Central Health was created in May 2004 by a vote of the Travis County residents and is governed by a nine-member volunteer Board of Managers of which four of the boards members are appointed by the Austin City Council, four by Travis County with the ninth member is jointly appointed by both governmental bodies; and

WHEREAS, Central Health works to develop and maintain a network of health care services by identifying and prioritizing the community's needs and meeting those needs in the most effective and efficient ways possible and rather than directly providing health care services, it has developed a unique approach of contracting with a variety of providers to meet the health care needs of residents; and

WHEREAS, Central Health and its Board are committed to providing all residents of Travis County, particularly the most vulnerable residents, with access to the highest quality healthcare and remain resolute in their commitment to ensuring that all women have access to the complete range of women's health services and that those services remain available to women who need or want those services; and

WHEREAS, Central Health Board of Managers has a Women's Health Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Commission for Women has worked on and made recommendations to the City Council on women's health care issues in the past; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin recognizes that access to health care is vitally important to the health and well-being of all women; and

WHEREAS, with the new transformation of health care services and new partners working together in Austin/Travis County, there is a tremendous opportunity for the City of Austin Commission for Women to work with Central Health on women's health care issues. **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The Commission for Women to engage the Central Health Board's Women's Health Committee to discuss development of a vehicle that ensures ongoing opportunities for public dialogue on the provision of women's health services, and to develop ideas for ways the Commission can support engagement on the topic of women's health, and report back to Council within 90 days with a status of the efforts.

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