

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the Austin Firefighters Relief and Retirement Fund (the Fund) is a defined benefit plan the creation of which was authorized by the Texas Legislature in 1937; and

WHEREAS, the Fund provides retirement, disability, death and survivor benefits to approximately 1,700 active and retired participants and their eligible beneficiaries; and

WHEREAS, the Fund is administered by a five member Board of Trustees pursuant to State statute, and the City of Austin maintains a presence on this Board with the Mayor serving as the Chair of the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, from time to time, it is necessary to update the state statute that governs the Fund to make technical corrections and adjustments through the passage of legislation; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 1756, co-authored by Representatives Eddie Rodriguez and Paul Workman, has been filed in the 84th Legislature to address the necessary changes to the Fund; and

WHEREAS, both the Austin Retired Fire Fighters Association and the Austin Firefighters Association, Local 975, have written letters expressing support for House Bill 1756; and

WHEREAS, the changes outlined in House Bill 1756 do not present an undue financial hardship on the City; and

WHEREAS, City Council support of this type of legislation communicates to Austin's elected Representatives and Senators at the Texas Capitol that there is sufficient support to make necessary adjustments for proper administration and maintenance of the Fund, **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

That the City's Legislative Program for the 84th Legislature is hereby amended to support House Bill 1756, co-authored by Representatives Eddie Rodriguez and Paul Workman.

ADOPTED: _____, 2015 **ATTEST:** _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk