

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, in July 2015, individuals with disabilities and their supporters celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); and

WHEREAS, more than 50 million individuals with disabilities of all ages live in communities throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the disability community has a critical interest in policies enacted at local, state, and national levels that affect the integration of individuals with disabilities, young and old, into our communities; and

WHEREAS, getting the disability community involved in influencing public policies is essential if these policies are to meet the real needs of individuals with disabilities to live in the community; and

WHEREAS, voting is one way for the disability community to exert its influence at local, state, and national elections; and

WHEREAS, there are multiple efforts to develop disability coalitions around the issue of voting; and

WHEREAS, “REV UP America: Register - Educate - Vote - Use your Power” is a national effort to encourage local and/or state disability community voting coalitions; and

WHEREAS, members of the national disability rights community are organizing a national Disability Voter Registration Week July 11 through July 15, 2016; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The City Council supports the growing involvement of the disability

community in the political process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Council designates the week of July 11 through 15 as National Disability Voter Registration Week.

ADOPTED: _____, 2016

ATTEST: _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk