

RESOLUTION NO. 20170209-008

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

The Council adopts the Joint Resolution for the 85th Texas Legislature, as set forth in the attached Exhibit A.

ADOPTED: February 9, 2017

ATTEST:

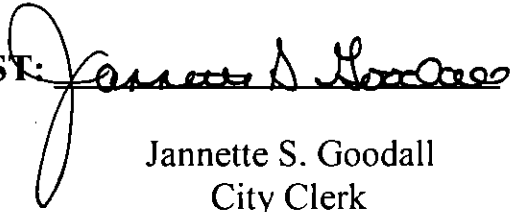

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

Resolution

WHEREAS, the 85th Texas Legislature convened in Regular Session on January 10, 2017; and,

WHEREAS, the people of Travis County are represented by a variety of civic and governmental organizations, including this body; and,

WHEREAS, this body is working with those other organizations to identify and speak out on issues of broad significance to our community; and,

WHEREAS, speaking with one voice on these issues of broad significance serves to unify our community and focus the attention of the Travis County legislative delegation and, indeed, the entire Legislature on these issues; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Austin joins other civic and governmental organizations in urging legislative action on the following priorities:

- Support the people's right to govern themselves and work with their local civic and governmental organizations regarding policy and budgeting decisions;
- Oppose unfunded mandates and arbitrary restrictions that limit the ability of local governments to fund needed programs for their citizens, including revenue caps and mandatory rollback elections;
- Support the reform of Texas' PreK-12 public education finance system which increasingly relies on local taxpayers to fulfill the state's constitutional responsibility to educate Texas children;
- Support Austin Community College District's efforts to offer an RN to BSN degree in order to meet local healthcare workforce demands;
- Support renewal of the Medicaid 1115 Transformation Waiver;
- Support State funding for a planning process to reimagine the delivery of mental health services in the community, including the revitalization of the Austin State Hospital campus;
- Support State funding for significant improvements and added capacity to the Travis County portion of I-35; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Austin wishes to communicate this Resolution to the Travis County delegation and the entire Texas Legislature.