

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, homelessness in Austin has captured the attention of a large segment of the greater Austin community; and

WHEREAS, collaborations have been formed to address community homelessness and these collaborations include volunteers, business leaders, service providers, city staff and elected officials; and

WHEREAS, as part of an effort to address homelessness in our community, numerous surveys and studies have been done to investigate root causes as well as potential solutions for homelessness; and

WHEREAS, these surveys and studies have shown overwhelming evidence that a significant segment of the homeless population is looking for work, would accept job training, or are homeless due to unemployment; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of homeless individuals indicated they would work 40 hours a week for a living wage; and

WHEREAS, House the Homeless, Inc., is a non-profit educational and advocacy group and is part of the local community leadership addressing the issue of homelessness in Austin; and

WHEREAS, House the Homeless is part of the Let's Get to Work collaboration of businesses, churches, non-profits and other agencies in Austin dedicated to creating new pathways for Austin's homeless population, from existing transitional housing into permanent housing and self sufficiency through community sponsorship that includes ensuring a living wage, provisions for job skills training, education and mentorship; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Austin recognizes the need for innovative models to address the issue of homelessness; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

That the City Council hereby recognizes the innovative Let's Get to Work model that combines job training, living wages and supportive housing as a means to make advances to help end homelessness in Austin; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the City Council supports the Let's Get to Work initiative in its pursuit of both community partnerships and applications for grant funds, including state and federal grant funds.

ADOPTED: _____, 2010

ATTEST: _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk