

RESOLUTION NO. 20101118-059

WHEREAS, the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) was founded in 1913 to secure justice and fair treatment, fight anti-Semitism and bigotry, and protect civil rights for all; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has recently experienced several high-profile incidents of what may have been or were perceived to be, hate crimes and/or discriminatory or prejudicial conduct; and

WHEREAS, hate crimes tear at the fabric of society and create tension, conflict, and hostility within entire communities; and

WHEREAS, it is critical for local government to ensure its community is fighting hate proactively through anti-bias education and by responding to hate-motivated crimes swiftly and with a holistic approach; and

WHEREAS, the ADL has provided a framework to begin a dialogue among community leaders to address the issue of hate crimes; **NOW**

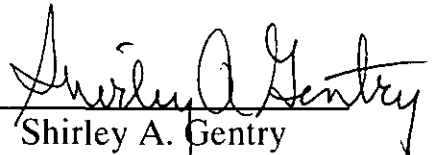
THEREFORE,

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

The City of Austin is in full support of and shall be an active participant in a multi-pronged, comprehensive hate crimes initiative to foster a safe and welcoming community by building public infrastructure, awareness, and sensitivity related to hate crimes.

ADOPTED: November 18, 2010

ATTEST:


Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk