

RESOLUTION NO. 20161103-049

WHEREAS, Central Texas is among the fastest-growing areas for people between 55 and 64, and has the second fastest-growing population of people 65 and over, and

WHEREAS, Mayor Lee Leffingwell created the 2012 Mayor's Task Force on Aging (Task Force), and tasked it with creating a set of strategic recommendations to accommodate Central Texas' fast-growing senior population, and

WHEREAS, the Task Force recommended that Austin be designated an "age-friendly" community under the American Association of Retired Persons Network of Age-Friendly Communities, an affiliate of the World Health Organization's Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Program, and

WHEREAS, important accomplishments have been achieved as a result of the work of the Task Force, including the formation of Austin's Commission on Seniors and AustinUP, a non-profit that is working across sectors to raise the profile of our senior population and prepare the next generation for the future of aging, and

WHEREAS, Austin lacks an action plan for accomplishing several recommendations outlined in the final Task Force report and consequently, is at risk of losing its age-friendly designation, and

WHEREAS, a broad-based work group formed by the Commission on Seniors to bring to fruition recommendations has developed this plan, and

WHEREAS, the Age-Friendly Austin plan overlaps in key areas with the Imagine Austin plan, and

WHEREAS, the Imagine Austin plan contains amendments to include recommendations from the Commission on Seniors referencing the Age-Friendly Austin plan, and

WHEREAS, the following City of Austin commissions endorsed those amendments: Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission, Joint Inclusion Committee, Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities, and Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Committee; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

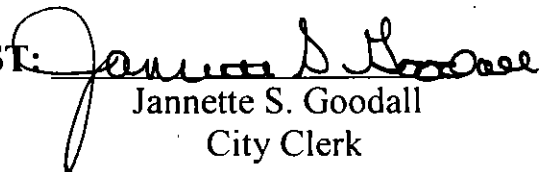
Council adopts the Age-Friendly Austin Action Plan and will actively support, promote, and work toward becoming, not only age-friendly, but also age-progressive to support Austin's current and future residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The city manager is directed to initiate the process to amend Appendix G of the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan to include the Age-Friendly Action Plan.

ADOPTED: November 3, 2016

ATTEST:


Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk