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**WHEREAS**, the Expanded Mobile Crisis Outreach Team (EMCOT), a program of Integral Care, Travis County’s Local Mental Health Authority, provides a team of mental health professionals who co-respond with law enforcement or Emergency Medical Services (EMS) when a 911 call involves a psychiatric crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, EMCOT also provides regular training to law enforcement and EMS medics to improve their ability to respond appropriately to individuals experiencing mental health concerns or using drugs or alcohol; and

**WHEREAS**, if the City of Austin approves a budget measure to provide at least 60% of EMCOT's \$1.8 million budget for Fiscal Year 2019, then Integral Care could continue this vital crisis response program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Travis County Behavioral Health and Justice Advisory Committee, whose mission is to promote justice and public safety, strongly supports the request for EMCOT funding from the City; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

City Council directs the City Manager to identify potential sources of funding for the continuation of EMCOT and to return to Council with the City Manager's findings at the August 29, 2018 Budget Work Session.

**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2018      **ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Jannette S. Goodall  
City Clerk