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WHEREAS, on November 11, 1919, President Woodrow Wilson issued a message on the first Armistice Day following World War I acknowledging “solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country’s service”; and

WHEREAS, in 1954, Congress recognized the American Armed Forces that fought bravely in World War II and during the aggression in Korea and honored them by changing “Armistice Day” to “Veterans Day”; and

WHEREAS, the Austin City Council recognizes that Veterans Day is a celebration intended to honor veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States of America for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good; **NOW THEREFORE**,

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

22 The Council supports events and parades celebrating Veterans Day where the
23 entire community can join together to honor those that have served in the Armed
24 Forces of the United States of America. The Council recognize that to keep the focus
25 only on this goal, a Veterans Day event or parade should not celebrate, feature, or
26 allow uniforms, flags, or symbols of other countries' armed forces.

27 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

28 The City Council hereby expresses its desire for city resources, including fee
29 waivers for special events, to be used only for Veterans Day events and parades that
30 only honor those who have served in the United States of America's Armed Forces.

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32 **ADOPTED:** _____, 2018

ATTEST: _____
Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk