## RESOLUTION NO.

2	WHEREAS, the state and federal governments have not successfully passed
3	any legislation that has had a meaningful impact on gun violence and gun safety in
4	schools, as school shooting incidents have been on the rise in the United States; and
5	WHEREAS, until significant legislation is passed that prevents students from
6	experiencing gun violence in schools, we must take proactive measures to be
7	prepared for the unthinkable reality of the school shooting epidemic striking
8	somewhere in our own community; and
9	WHEREAS, Stop the Bleed is a national program that encourages bystanders
0	to become trained, equipped, and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency before
1	professional help arrives or before professional help can safely respond; and
2	WHEREAS, Austin does not yet have a Stop the Bleed program for high
3	school students to mitigate the potential effects of a disastrous event; and
4	WHEREAS, Stop the Bleed efforts saved three lives in the October 27, 2018
5	Tree of Life synagogue mass shooting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and bleeding
6	control techniques saved the lives of twenty to thirty people immediately after the
17	October 1, 2017 mass shooting in Las Vegas, Nevada; and
8	WHEREAS, preventive efforts such as Stop the Bleed cause the community
9	to think critically and proactively about personal health, public health, and the gun
20	violence epidemic; and
21	WHEREAS, the Austin-Travis County Emergency Medical Services'
22	(ATCEMS) Explorer Post 247 is an organization for youth aged 14-21 years in the
23	central Texas area dedicated to ensuring that its members learn about careers in

- 1 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) through hands-on training, ride-along
- 2 opportunities, and providing public and community service at local events; and,
- WHEREAS, the Explorer Post 247 is currently run by a small group of dedicated ATCEMS professionals who volunteer their own time as advisors to manage the program; and,
- WHEREAS, the Explorer Post 247 has the infrastructure to bring Stop the
  Bleed to all high schools serving City of Austin students through established
  relationships and trainings. However, the current volunteer-only model of
  management of Explore Post 247 limits the program's ability to provide Stop the
  Bleed trainings area-wide, and also limits the availability of prerequisite training
  needed for Explorers to apply for ATCEMS; and,
  - **WHEREAS,** many of the youths who enter Explorer Post 247 do so with the goal of working in EMS and the medical industry; and,
  - WHEREAS, assigning dedicated, full time Emergency Medical Services Department personnel to manage the Explorer Post 247 program would allow the program to maintain and expand current program operations and recruitment efforts, create a Stop the Bleed adjunct program, allow the Explorer Post 247 program to reach all high schools serving City of Austin students, and ensure that resources are available to teach an EMT-Basic course, which is a prerequisite to applying for a medic position with ATCEMS; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

The City Manager is directed to study and provide fiscal year 2020 budgetary and program recommendations for Council consideration that includes the estimated cost for Stop the Bleed kits for all high schools serving City of Austin students, including those in the Austin ETJ, and salary and benefits costs for the determined staff model that would manage the daily operations of the Explorer Post 247 and Stop the Bleed programs in Austin high schools.

## **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The City Manager is directed to work with regional partners and governmental entities to explore partnership opportunities to expand the Explorer Post 247 and Stop the Bleed programs to other students and high schools located in the ATCEMS service area and those schools serving City of Austin students outside of the ATCEMS service area.