

RESOLUTION NO. 20190328-034

WHEREAS, in March 2010, the Austin City Council adopted a No Kill animal-sheltering policy with the goal of ending the practice of euthanizing healthy and treatable animals entering the City of Austin's municipal animal shelter; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, the City of Austin's municipal animal shelter achieved a 90% live-release rate for impounded dogs and cats, and has achieved a 90% or higher live-release rate every year since 2011; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has become a national and international model for No Kill animal sheltering, with leaders of other municipalities across the nation and globe traveling to Austin to learn how to establish and implement programs and policies to successfully increase shelter live outcomes and reduce shelter intake; and

WHEREAS, Austin Animal Center works with several animal-welfare partners and rescue organizations, including Austin Pets Alive!, to achieve its No Kill policy; and

WHEREAS, Austin Animal Center achieved a 98% live-release rate in 2018 – the highest of any large-city animal shelter in the United States; and

WHEREAS, implemented intake-diversion and intake-reduction policies have reduced the number of animals entering Austin's shelter; and

WHEREAS, Austin's No Kill animal-sheltering policy has continued to improve and thrive under interim leadership despite challenges including the

shelter having been designed prior to the City's commitment to No Kill sheltering;
and

WHEREAS, Austin's No Kill animal-sheltering policy has been demonstrated to have resulted in substantial economic benefit to the Austin community; and

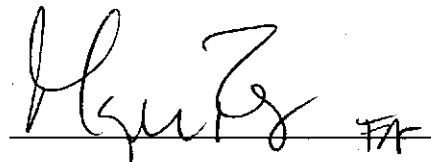
WHEREAS, the City of Austin has been recognized as the first "City of Distinction" award winner by the national animal-welfare organization Maddie's Fund; **NOW THEREFORE**,

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

Reaffirms its support for and commitment to Austin's No Kill animal-sheltering policy and supports an Austin Animal Center goal of a 95% or greater live-release rate.

ADOPTED: March 28, 2019

ATTEST:



Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk