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WHEREAS, in Austin, a gun is over four times more likely to be stolen from a vehicle than from a residence; and

25 **WHEREAS**, in Austin in 2018, stolen firearms were found in fifty-three
26 incidents of aggravated assault, thirty-nine incidents of aggravated robbery, and
27 thirty-four incidents of suicide; and

28 **WHEREAS**, in 2019, APD’s Crime Intelligence Unit recommended a public
29 education campaign to “alert Austin citizens and visitors to the danger of leaving
30 guns in vehicles”; and

31 **WHEREAS**, the Texas Child Fatality Review Team reported that firearms
32 became the primary method of youth suicide in 2015, and in these instances, the
33 firearm was most likely to be owned by a family member; and

34 **WHEREAS**, in 2016, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs reported that
35 75% percent of Texas veterans’ suicides are by firearm; and

36 **WHEREAS**, on January 11, 2020, an Austin resident was murdered by a
37 firearm that was stolen in the Austin area; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

38 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**
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40 The City of Austin reaffirms its commitment to the safety, health, and welfare
41 of all its residents, including through the promotion of the safe storage and handling
42 of firearms.

43 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**
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45 The City Manager is directed to identify funding sources and existing
46 budgeted opportunities for a prospective public service awareness campaign on safe
47 firearm storage. These funding sources and existing budgeted opportunities could
48 include current budget availability in appropriate departments, grant opportunities,
49 potential partnerships, and outside marketing contract estimates.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager will provide a report to Council and the Task Force on Gun Violence by May 1, 2020 with funding options for a public service awareness campaign on safe firearm storage.

APPROVED: _____, 2020 **ATTEST:** _____
Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk