RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, on August 23, 2020, Governor Greg Abbott issued a proclamation certifying that Hurricane Laura poses an imminent threat of disaster, including widespread and severe property damage, injury, and loss of life due to widespread flooding, storm surge, and damaging winds, in 23 Texas counties and declaring a state of disaster in those counties in Texas; and

WHEREAS, on August 25, 2020, the Governor issued a proclamation adding 26 more Texas counties, including Travis County, to the August 23, 2020 proclamation and declaration of a state of disaster due to Hurricane Laura; and

WHEREAS, on August 26, 2020 Mayor Steve Adler, acting in accordance with authority granted to him under the Charter and under Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code, declared a local state of disaster for the City due to the imminent threat posed by Hurricane Laura; and renewed such declaration on September 2, 2020 due to the continuation of the conditions necessitating the initial declaration; and

WHEREAS, as of August 26, 2020, the City had received more than 3,000 evacuees from the Gulf Coast; and

WHEREAS, the City is taking extraordinary measures to alleviate the suffering of people, to protect or rehabilitate property, and to help protect, keep safe, and support Texans from outside our city; and

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WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to menace the health of Austin residents and the Austin economy, and the local Health Authority has advised on the need for continued vigilance by individuals and businesses in complying with mandatory health measures; and

WHEREAS, Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code provides that such a declaration of disaster or renewal may not be continued for a period of more than seven days except with the consent of the governing body of the political subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the conditions necessitating the disaster declaration will continue to exist for a period of more than seven days; and

WHEREAS, the City Council supports the disaster declaration signed by Mayor Steve Adler on August 26, 2020 and renewed on September 2, 2020, and consents to its continuation for a period of more than seven days; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

The City Council hereby ratifies the disaster declaration signed by Mayor Steve Adler on August 26, 2020 and renewed on September 2, 2020, and consents to its continuation for a period of thirty days from the date of this Resolution, or until such time as it is terminated by action of the Council, whichever is sooner.

ADOPTED: _____, 2020 **ATTEST:**_____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk

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