

**RESOLUTION NO. 20200917-033**

**WHEREAS**, Officer Abel Garza of the Austin Police Department was injured on September 1, 2019 while on motorcycle patrol working a barricade when he was struck by another vehicle; and

**WHEREAS**, the Civil Service Act provides for up to a one-year leave of absence at full pay for police officers injured in the line of duty; and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Garza has been on a leave of absence due to his line of duty injuries, at full pay, since September 5, 2019 and his leave of absence expires on September 5, 2020; and

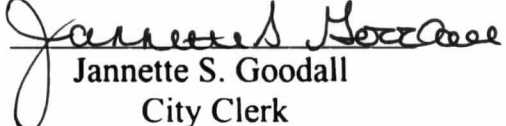
**WHEREAS**, Officer Garza is currently rehabilitating from his injuries and intends to return to work when medically cleared; and

**WHEREAS**, the Civil Service Act authorizes a municipality's governing body to extend a police officer's leave of absence for a line of duty injury; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

The leave of absence for Officer Abel Garza's September 1, 2019 line of duty injury, authorized by section 143.073 of the Texas Local Government Code, is hereby extended, at full pay, through September 5, 2021. This extension shall cover additional periods of leave necessitated by Officer Garza's September 1, 2019 injuries, up to a maximum of one year of additional leave.

**ADOPTED:** September 17, 2020

**ATTEST:**   
Jannette S. Goodall  
City Clerk