

WHEREAS, The American National Red Cross is a proven committed community partner which has called East Austin home since 1973; and

WHEREAS, The American National Red Cross has supported numerous relief efforts from local home fires to large-scale evacuations with local emergency management; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has provided the organization with a ground lease for the property located at 2218 Pershing Drive for nearly 50 years beginning in 1973 for an annual fee of \$100.00; and

WHEREAS, the existing ground lease is set to end March 31, 2023; and

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eco-friendly, community-centric, and modern facility to serve East Austin and Central Texas; and

WHEREAS, The American National Red Cross has received community support from relevant stakeholders for a renewal of their ground lease and the redevelopment of their existing facility; and

WHEREAS, this new facility would ensure that The American National Red Cross can continue to prepare, respond, and help Central Texans recover from disasters by having a state-of-the art disaster operations center; **NOW**

THEREFORE,

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

The City Manager is directed to negotiate a lease agreement, for a term of not less than 30 years, with a renewal option, with The American National Red Cross for the real property located at 2218 Pershing Drive.

The lease may include:

1. Base rent at \$100.00 per year.
2. The possibility for The American National Red Cross to redevelop the facility.
3. The American National Red Cross providing all maintenance and repairs at the facility.

ADOPTED: _____, 2021 **ATTEST:** _____
Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk