## **RESOLUTION NO.**

**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 location at 2218 Pershing Drive serves as the organization's Regional Headquarters providing resources to 9.4 million people within an 83-county service area; 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 American National Red Cross collects 40% of the Nation's blood supply, provides lifesaving training through its CRP/AED training and aquatics programs, and provides support to veterans, members of the armed forces, and their families; 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, as the Central Texas population experiences rapid growth, so do the needed services The American National Red Cross provides to our region; and

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

**WHEREAS,** to accommodate the region's growing demand, the organization has requested a renewal to the ground lease in order to develop a new,

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Jannette S. Goodall City Clerk

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