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 Redd Cross provides 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, eco-friendly, community-centric, and modern facility to serve East Austin and

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Central Texas; and,

WHEREAS, The American National Red Cross has received community support from relevant stakeholders for a renewal of its ground lease and the redevelopment of its 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 for the duration of the lease.
4. Provisions for The American National Red Cross to provide disaster response and resiliency training, and other relevant emergency response services for the City of Austin.

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