

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**WHEREAS**, the Council passed Ordinance No. 20130214-043 creating the Commission on Veterans Affairs to serve as an advisory board to the city council concerning the wellbeing of military veterans in the Austin area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission on Veterans Affairs has found that Veteran employment, housing, education, training, family counseling, PTSD/mental health, healthcare, and VA benefits counseling are dispersed throughout Austin placing access to vital services out of reach for many with limited economic and transportation resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission passed Recommendation No. 20150318-B004 and Budget Recommendation No. 2017050419-4.d with several findings supporting a recommendation to allocate funds for the purchase and lease of office space for the formation and implementation of a Veterans Resource Center; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council has previously recognized the great need for veteran support services passing Resolution No. 20170622-035 directing the City Manager to draft a business plan to establish a Veterans Resource Center; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission on Veterans Affairs passed Recommendation No. 20200115-B003 encouraging City Council to create a Department of Veterans and Military Affairs; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

The City Manager is directed to explore the establishment of a Veterans and Military Affairs Office. The City Manager should identify costs, possible funding sources, steps associated with establishing this office and return to council with a report before April 2022.

**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2021    **ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Myrna Rios  
Interim City Clerk