1	RESOLUTION NO.
2	WHEREAS, the City is committed to the safety, health, and welfare of all
3	of its residents; and
4	WHEREAS, ensuring the safety of residents and visitors is a top City
5	priority; and
6	WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that
7	gun violence in the United States—which claims over 30,000 lives annually—is at
8	epidemic levels; and
9	WHEREAS, according to the National Law Enforcement Officers
10	Memorial Fund, in 2011 firearms were the number one cause of death for police
11	officers killed in the line of duty; and
12	WHEREAS, firearms are the leading cause of death for children in the
13	United States; and
14	WHEREAS, the City advocates for gun safety legislation through the
15	Council-adopted state and federal legislative agenda; and
16	WHEREAS, AR-15 style weapons have been used in some of the deadliest
17	mass shootings in recent American history, including Sandy Hook in 2012; San

WHEREAS, in Uvalde, an 18 year-old used an AR-15 style weapon to murder 19 Texas children and 2 teachers, and to injure at least 17 others on May 22 24, 2022; and

2017; El Paso in 2019; and Boulder in 2021; and

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Bernardino in 2015; Pulse Nightclub in 2016; Las Vegas and Sutherland Springs in

23	WHEREAS, in Buffalo, an 18 year-old used an AR-15 style weapon to
24	murder 10 people and to injure 3 others as they shopped for groceries on May 14,
25	2022; and
26	WHEREAS, experts have opined that young people under the age of 21
27	physiologically respond to stressors with greater violence and exhibit less self-
28	control than older adults; and
29	WHEREAS, the legal age to purchase alcohol in Texas is 21; and
30	WHEREAS, the legal age to purchase tobacco and nicotine products for
31	non-military members in Texas is 21; and
32	WHEREAS, the legal age to purchase a handgun from a business or
33	individual with a Federal Firearms License is 21; and
34	WHEREAS, an AR-15 style weapon and similar semi-automatic rifles are
35	self-evidently more dangerous than alcohol, tobacco, or handguns if handled
36	improperly; NOW, THEREFORE,
37	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:
38	The Council directs the City Manager to explore every option that would
39	allow the City to prohibit the sale of AR-15 style weapons and other semi-
40	automatic rifles to anyone below the age of 21.

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## BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

- If the City Manager finds a viable option, the Council directs the City 43
- Manager to present it to Council for review no later than July 26th, 2022. 44

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**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2022 **ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_ 46

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