1	RESOLUTION NO.
2	WHEREAS, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, of Brooklyn, NY, was one of the most
3	notable and influential Justices to have served on the Supreme Court of the
4	United States; and
5	WHEREAS, Ruth Bader Ginsburg broke barriers and served with
6	distinction as a law professor at Rutgers Law School and Columbia Law School,
7	and as a co-founder of the Women's Rights Project at the American Civil
8	Liberties Union; and
9	WHEREAS, Ruth Bader Ginsburg served on the United States Court of
10	Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit for 13 years and on the United
11	States Supreme Court for 27 years; and
12	WHEREAS, the jurisprudence of Ruth Bader Ginsburg blended moral
13	purpose with precision and technical mastery of the law; and
14	WHEREAS, Ruth Bader Ginsburg embodied the Jewish values of tikkun
15	olam ("repairing the world"); and
16	WHEREAS, Ruth Bader Ginsburg brought to her entire legal career,
17	including her jurisprudence, a focus on reducing discrimination, particularly
18	against women of every race, class, and life experience; and
19	WHEREAS, Ruth Bader Ginsburg believed that access to abortion,
20	specifically, was essential to each person's autonomy to determine their life's

21 course, and to enjoy equality in our society; and

22		WHEREAS, in her final days, Ruth Bader Ginsburg declared, "My most	
23	ferv	ent wish is that I will not be replaced until a new president is installed."; and	
24	WHEREAS, the Nation and our City is deeply indebted to Ruth		
25	Bader Ginsburg, a truly distinguished American; NOW, THEREFORE,		
26	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:		
27	(1)	extends heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Ruth Bader	
28		Ginsburg and acknowledges the lifetime of service of Ruth Bader	
29		Ginsburg to the United States as a trailblazing attorney, acclaimed	
30		scholar, and brilliant jurist;	
31	(2)	recognizes Ruth Bader Ginsburg as a champion for gender justice, abortion	
32		rights, voting rights, the rights of immigrants, and the rights of LGBTQ+	
33		individuals;	
34	(3)	commits to upholding and protecting those values and Ruth Bader	
35		Ginsburg's profound legacy by guarding against efforts to deliberately	
36		erode access to the rights for which she fought; and	
37	(4)	asks that the United States Senate honor Ruth Bader Ginsburg's dying wish	
38		that she should not be replaced until a new president is installed.	
39 40 41 42	ADO	PTED:, 2020 ATTEST: Jannette S. Goodall City Clerk	
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