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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Children are the world's most precious resource; and

WHEREAS, Children, having special needs and vulnerabilities, depend on adults for protection and guidance; and

WHEREAS, Children have inalienable human rights such as the right to food, shelter, health care, education, protection from abuse, and the right to develop in a safe environment free from discrimination; and

WHEREAS, Children in the United States and throughout the world face a variety of crises that threaten their proper development; and

WHEREAS, Children remain the object of abuse, neglect and exploitation; and

WHEREAS, It is the duty of government to ensure that all children receive the level of support necessary for the realization of these rights; and

WHEREAS, On November 20, 1989, the United Nations General Assembly voted to adopt a landmark international treaty for the protection of children; and

WHEREAS, The "Convention on the Rights of the Child" details the civil and political rights of children, as well as their social, economic and cultural rights; Now, Therefore,

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

That the Council of the City of Austin affirms its support for the Convention on the Rights of the Child, as adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on November 20, 1989; and

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

That the Council calls on all City departments and community agencies--especially those concerned with housing, nutrition, education, protection, medical care, recreation and economic opportunity for children--to ensure that their programs aim to achieve the goals established in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child; and

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

That President Bush be encouraged to seek speedy ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, fully confident that such procedure mirrors our shared commitment to preserve and to enhance the legacy of freedom which is our American Heritage; and

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

That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the members of the Texas Delegation to the United States Congress and to the Defense for Children International--USA.

ADOPTED: March 21, 1991 ATTEST: James E. Aldridge
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City Clerk

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