

**THIS IS A PROPOSED DRAFT AND WILL BE REPLACED BY THE FINAL,
SIGNED RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL.**

A RESOLUTION

**SUPPORTING WOMEN'S SAFETY, HEALTH, AND
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO.**

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WHEREAS, in the City of San Antonio, Texas, over 51% (591,401) of the total population of 1,144,646 are women; and

WHEREAS, women have made, and continue to make, their mark in San Antonio by moving the City forward in all fields; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Antonio recognizes the fundamental and indispensable contributions of women to the prosperity of the City as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the City encourages strategies and programs that provide equal opportunity and access to women; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the need to remain proactive in addressing health, safety, and equitable opportunities and outcomes for all women of all ages; and

WHEREAS, San Antonians from across the City created shared community goals as reflected in the SA2020 community vision, including goals for reducing domestic violence, improving women's health outcomes, and enhancing economic entrepreneurship; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence, which disproportionately affects women, is trending upwards in San Antonio despite the community's shared goals, which are reflected in the SA2020 community vision to reduce domestic violence rates by half; and

WHEREAS, while the San Antonio community has worked together through largely women-led initiatives to reduce the teen birth rate in the City, the teen birth rate remains above the national average, and maternal and child health in San Antonio is worsening and falling short of SA2020 goals, particularly for families where social determinants negatively impact health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, though there is an increasing number of successful female entrepreneurs in San Antonio who improve the City through creating business and employment opportunities and who serve as role models for current and future generations, San Antonio women, on average, earn less money, own and operate fewer businesses, and have less access to capital investments than their male counterparts; and

WHEREAS, women have historically been, and remain, underrepresented on appointed boards and commissions and in elected office positions, yet more women are running for office and seeking public service roles in San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, with the purpose of asserting on a global stage that San Antonio is a city that recognizes the contributions and leadership of women that move the City forward, and which promotes equity for women, and prevents the perpetration of violence against them in any form;

WHEREAS, As part of its mission, the City's Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women ("Commission") meets regularly to discuss matters affecting the employment opportunities, education, social, civic, economic and political participation of women in San Antonio for the purpose of informing City Council policy-making; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The City of San Antonio is committed to eliminating all forms of violence against women, to promoting the health and safety of women, and to promoting substantive economic, business, and leadership opportunities for women in San Antonio.

SECTION 2. The City Council of the City of San Antonio acknowledges that this resolution is the first step toward comprehensive strategies to address priorities in the areas of domestic violence and sexual assault, women's health outcomes, and inequitable access to economic and business opportunities.

SECTION 3. The City Council of the City of San Antonio reaffirms its commitment to encourage and take action to drive equitable outcomes for women by supporting strategies to reduce domestic violence rates, improve health outcomes for women, and promote equitable access to economic and business opportunities. Such strategies should include accountability measures including the use of disaggregated data to design the most effective strategies and action.

SECTION 4. The strategies will be developed with input from community stakeholders and the Commission and will be presented by City staff to the appropriate City Council Committee.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes, or, in the event eight affirmative votes are not received, ten days after approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED this [] day of November, 2018.

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11/15/18
Item No. ##

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