

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, Fire Chief Joel Baker is retiring as the Fire Chief of Austin Fire effective August 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, an Interim Fire Chief is needed to ensure continuity of operations and public safety until a new Fire Chief is confirmed by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, City Manager T.C. Broadnax has designated Assistant Fire Chief Tom Vocke to be the Interim Fire Chief effective September 1, 2026, to carry out all duties and responsibilities of the Fire Chief until a successor Fire Chief is appointed by the City Manager and confirmed by the City Council as required by Texas Local Government Code Chapter 143.013(a)(1); **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

The City Council confirms the City Manager's appointment of Assistant Fire Chief Tom Vocke as Interim Fire Chief of Austin Fire effective September 1, 2026, and that the Interim Fire Chief is authorized to and shall carry out all duties and responsibilities of the Fire Chief until a successor Fire Chief is appointed by the City Manager and confirmed by the City Council.

ADOPTED: _____, 2026 **ATTEST:** _____

Erika Brady
City Clerk