SANTA FE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2010- 184

REQUEST APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE HOUSING AMERICA CAMPAIGN AND PROCLAIMING OCTOBER HOUSING AMERICA MONTH

WHEREAS, for more than 70 years, it has been the policy of this nation, under the US Housing Act to promote the general welfare of the nation by employing its funds to assist the several states and their political subdivisions to remedy the unsafe and unsanitary housing conditions and the critical shortage of decent, safe and sanitary dwellings for families of lower income; and

WHEREAS, according to the "State of the Nation's Housing" report, 15.6 million households now pay more than half of their income for housing; and

WHEREAS, according to current estimates, on any given night, there are nearly 750,000 homeless nationwide and up to 3.5 million persons who experience homelessness at some point throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Low-Income Housing Coalition's "Out of Reach" report, minimum wage earners are unable to afford even a one-bedroom home anywhere in the country and 88% of renters in cities live in areas where the fair market rent for a two-bedroom rental is not affordable even with two minimum wage jobs; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Housing Conference, health care workers and many other working professionals are priced out of homeownership in the majority of U.S. metropolitan areas nationwide; and

WHEREAS, according to the Housing Assistance Council, 1.7 million (6.3 percent) of rural homes were considered substandard in 2005; and

WHEREAS public housing is home to over 2 million people, more than 40 percent of whom are children, and faces an estimated \$18 billion - \$20 billion backlog in capital repairs; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials; American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees; Council of Large Public Housing Authorities; Enterprise Community Partners; Habitat for Humanity International, Housing Assistance Council; Local Initiatives Support Corporation; Manufactured Housing Institute; Mortgage Bankers Association; National Association of Counties; National Affordable Housing Management Association; National Association of Home Builders; National Association of Realtors; National Council of State Housing Agencies; National Housing Conference; National Housing Trust; National League of Cities; National Leased Housing Association; National Low-Income Housing Coalition; Public Housing Authorities Directors Association; and U.S. Conference of Mayors are united in an effort to raise public awareness of the importance of affordable housing and community development programs and resources; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned groups have declared October Housing America Month, part of a year-long, national campaign to inform the public and decision makers of the critical need to address the nation's housing and community development concerns; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Santa Fe County has, over a period of many years, made an effort to address affordable housing and community development needs and has been successful in doing so using a combination of local, state and federal resources, and therefore, the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County hereby endorses the Housing America Campaign, its goals, objectives and purposes and in doing so, recommits itself to meeting the affordable housing and community development needs of the community.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND PASSED this 12th day of October, 2010.

BOARD OF HOUSING COMMISSIONERS

Harry B. Montova, & hairman

ATTEST Valerie Espinoza, County

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

SCR Santa Fe County Attorney



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I Hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed for Record On The 13TH Day Of October, 2010 at 10:28:09 AM And Was Duly Recorded as Instrument # 1613730 Of The Records Of Santa Fe Coupty

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