

ENDORISING THE NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP TO END HOMELESSNESS

WHEREAS, mayors in partnership with the U. S. Interagency Council on Homelessness are committed to ending chronic homelessness in our nation's cities; and

WHEREAS, mayors acknowledge the importance of the initiatives and inspiration furthered in cities across the country by the work of the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the National Partnership with Mayors, County Executives, the private sector and other stakeholders has resulted in more than 335 cities committed to implementing jurisdictionally based, business oriented 10 Year Plans to End Homelessness; and

WHEREAS, mayors and cities have benefited by and recognize the importance of the direct assistance provided by the U. S. Interagency Council on Homelessness through access to experts, innovations, and new strategies; and

WHEREAS, the National Partnership with Mayors has brought innovation and results in ending homelessness to the lives of people experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, dozens of jurisdictional partnerships have yielded reductions in the number of chronically homeless people living on the streets and long-term in shelters, the first such reductions communities have seen in over 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the results realized through the National Partnership are improving the quality of life of all citizens, housed and homeless alike,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the U.S. Conference of Mayors endorses the National Partnership to End Homelessness constellated by the U. S. Interagency Council on Homelessness; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the U.S. Conference of Mayors encourages mayors to affirm the National Partnership by committing to creating new partnerships that further the development and implementation of local 10 Year Plans to end chronic homelessness in their communities.