

**ENDORSING 10-YEAR PLANS TO END CHRONIC 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 and cities are on the front lines of the response to chronic homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, the abolition of chronic homelessness requires a partnership at all levels of government, the private sector, and all other community stakeholders, and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness have been partnered for more than 5 years to prevent and end homelessness in our nation's cities, a partnership of accountability and results; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the partnership with Mayors and County Executives, the private sector, and all other stakeholders, more than 335 cities have committed to create jurisdictionally led, community based, business oriented 10 Year Plans to End Homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, 10 Year Plans have identified innovations, such as assertive community treatment, housing first and rapid re-housing, private sector community champions, cost benefit analysis, and Project Homeless Connect, that have been adopted by communities across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, a number of communities implementing 10 Year Plans to End Homelessness, and adopting these innovations, are seeing reductions in the number of people experiencing chronic homelessness living on their streets and languishing in emergency shelters, the first such reductions communities have seen in over 20 years; and

**WHEREAS**, these reductions in chronic and street homelessness are improving the quality of life for all members of the community, housed and homeless alike,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the U.S. Conference of Mayors endorses and encourage Mayors to develop and implement 10 Year Plans to End Homelessness for their communities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the U.S. Conference of Mayors encourages Mayors to adopt the national innovations identified through 10 Year Plans to End Homelessness that are leading to reductions in chronic and street homelessness; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the U.S. Conference of Mayors endorses the targeting of federal resources to housing first and rapid re-housing strategies and other innovations in 10 Year Plans to End Homelessness that have demonstrated the result of reducing and ending the homelessness of our poorest neighbors.