

**IN THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON**

ORDER NO. 14-10-21-02

**)IN THE MATTER OF
)ENDORING THE HOUSING
)AMERICA CAMPAIGN**

WHEREAS, for more than 75 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 and credit to assist the several states and their political subdivisions to remedy the unsafe and unsanitary housing conditions and the acute shortage of decent, safe and sanitary dwellings for families of lower income; and

WHEREAS, according to the "State of the Nation's Housing" report, nearly 41 million households now pay more than half of their income for housing, with more than four out of five with incomes below \$15,000 paying more than 30 percent for housing; and

WHEREAS, according to current estimates, on any given night, there are nearly 650,000 homeless nationwide and up to 3.5 million Americans experience homelessness at some point throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, 1,769 people, including 105 homeless families with children (336 people) and 79 homeless veterans, were counted in Lane County during the 2014 overnight homeless count; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Low-Income Housing Coalition's 2014 "Out of Reach" report, in no state can a full-time minimum wage earner afford either a one- or two- bedroom rental unit at fair market rate; and

WHEREAS, public housing, which is home to more than 2.3 million people (almost 37 percent of whom are children), faces an estimated \$26 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, Mortgage Bankers Association; National Association of Counties; National Association of Home Builders; National Association of Realtors; National Council of State Housing Agencies; 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, NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY

RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that Lane County, Oregon, which has, over a period of many years, endeavored to address affordable housing and community development needs and has been successful in doing so using a combination of local, state and federal resources, hereby endorses the Housing America Campaign and in doing so recommits itself to meeting the affordable housing and community development needs of the community.

DATED this 21st day of October, 2014



Chairperson, Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Date 8/16/14 Lane County

OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

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