

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO: 16-10-18-05

IN THE MATTER OF ENDORSING THE  
HOUSING AMERICA CAMPAIGN

**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 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;

**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 paid more than 30 percent for housing;

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

**WHEREAS**, 1,451 people were counted in Lane County during the 2016 Homeless Point in Time Count. Annual figures show that 12,167 individuals who sought services from local human services programs were homeless at some point during the year in Lane County;

**WHEREAS**, HACSA provides 707 units of public housing in Lane County, 519 units at tax credit properties, as well as 307 units in other types of affordable housing; 3028 Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers are currently utilized in Lane County; HACSA's new construction projects will add over 250 units of affordable housing in Eugene. HACSA is also launching great preservation efforts that will positively impact the condition of the existing units.

**WHEREAS**, according to the National Low-Income Housing Coalition's 2015 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;

**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;

**WHEREAS**, according to the Housing Assistance Council, 1.5 million (5.8 percent) of rural homes were considered substandard in 2009;

**WHEREAS** public housing is home to more than 2.3 million people, 37 percent of whom are children, and faces an estimated more than \$26 billion backlog in capital repairs;

**WHEREAS**, the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials raises public awareness of the importance of affordable housing and community development programs and resources;

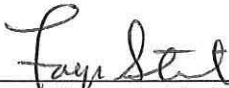
**WHEREAS**, the aforementioned groups have declared October Housing America Month, part of a year-long, national campaign to inform the public and decision makers of the critical need to address the nation's housing and community development concerns;


**WHEREAS**, Lane County, 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;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of County Commissioners of Lane County **ORDERS** as follows:

1. Endorsing the Housing America Campaign

**ADOPTED** this 18th day of October, 2016.

  
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Faye Stewart, Chair  
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
Date 10-10-16  
  
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LANE COUNTY OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL