

RESOLUTION # 2004-18

**ENDORISING THE 10-YEAR PLANNING PROCESS TO END
CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS**

WHEREAS, the Bush Administration has called for a 10-year Initiative to End Chronic Homelessness; and

WHEREAS, after six years of dormancy, the Interagency Council on Homelessness is working to coordinate the activities of the federal government to address homelessness; and

WHEREAS, persons experiencing chronic or long-term homelessness are generally homeless for over one year and may be living with a disability, addiction or mental illness; and

WHEREAS, research indicates that persons experiencing chronic homelessness use a disproportionate share of the federal resources targeted for homeless assistance; and

WHEREAS, the federal government must provide comprehensive assistance to local communities to address the needs of all persons affected by homelessness, including increased funding and technical assistance for the provision of affordable housing, emergency shelters, transitional housing and supportive services to homeless families and individuals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National League of Cities (NLC) supports the Bush Administration's goal to end chronic homelessness in the United States in 10 years and will help advance the planning process set forth by the Administration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NLC supports the Administration's efforts through the Interagency Council on Homelessness to coordinate work by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the U.S. Department of Labor, and other federal agencies to prevent and end chronic homelessness; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administration must address the root causes of chronic homelessness, such as disability, addiction, and mental illness; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NLC urges the Administration to seek new funding to support this initiative rather than redirect funds already appropriated for housing and homeless programs, and not to supplant current federal spending on housing and homelessness programs for this initiative.