

HD Resolution #6
RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE 10-YEAR PLANNING PROCESS TO END
CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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