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

1. **WHEREAS**, the Bush Administration has called for a 10 year Initiative to End Chronic Homelessness; and
2. **WHEREAS**, chronically homeless individuals and families, those with the most persistent forms of homelessness, are afflicted not only by poverty but also by chronic conditions such as mental illness and substance abuse; and
3. **WHEREAS**, many of these individuals and families cycle repeatedly through our local shelters, hospital emergency rooms, psychiatric wards, detox programs, and even criminal justice system; and
4. **WHEREAS**, there exists new research findings, housing programs and discharge planning models that demonstrate that ending chronic homelessness is within the nation's grasp; and
5. **WHEREAS**, mayors and cities are on the front lines of response to homelessness; and
6. **WHEREAS**, the abolition of chronic homelessness requires collaboration and coordination of resources at all levels of government, together with community institutions, businesses, and faith-based organizations, to best determine how to implement prevention and intervention strategies; and
7. **WHEREAS**, the federal government is coordinating policies and resources to assist the efforts to end chronic homelessness through the Interagency Council on Homelessness; and
8. **WHEREAS**, a number of major cities across the country, including Chicago, Atlanta, Indianapolis and Phoenix, have already created and committed to 10 year plans to end chronic homelessness,
9. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the U.S. Conference of Mayors will, in partnership with the Federal government, work to meet the challenge of the Bush Administration's goal of having 100 ten-year city plans to end chronic homelessness in place by January 2004; and
10. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the U.S. Conference of Mayors will work with the Interagency Council on Homelessness to ensure policies and resources support the elimination of chronic homelessness; and
11. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the U.S. Conference of Mayors supports the 10-year planning process and strongly encourages cities to create and implement performance based, results oriented strategic plans to end chronic homelessness in 10 years.