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REGULAR JUNE A.D., 2003 SESSION

TUESDAY, JUNE 10, A.D., 2003

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD:

Your Chairman presents herewith a Resolution designating June 2003 as
NATIONAL HOMEOWNERSHIP MONTH, and requests its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,



Suzi Schmidt, Chairman
Lake County Board

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, homeownership is the American Dream, and it is close to the heart of Lake County, Illinois. There is a special power in a neighborhood where most families own their homes. A new homeowner receives a key that does more than unlock a door: it represents a place where children can grow, learn and feel safe; an opportunity to save money and build equity for the future; and a sense of stability and belonging to the greater community. And just as it builds strong families, homeownership is the building block of strong communities, too; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the prosperity this Nation has enjoyed over the past decade, more Americans are homeowners today than at any time in our history; even so, less than half of African-American and Hispanic families own their own homes. As the Lake County Board, we are committed to helping more citizens - especially those who have been shut out in the past - know the joy, the financial security, and the sense of community that comes with owning their own home; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Housing and Urban Development is providing families with tools and information they can use to overcome the barriers that deny homeownership to far too many Americans. The Department is working in partnership with state and local governments, community groups, and the private sector to make the most effective use of federal funds. Through a combination of housing counseling, down payment assistance, and tax incentives, we are helping thousands of Americans buy homes - and live the lives they had once only imagined; and

WHEREAS, homeownership is good for the homebuyer, Lake County, Illinois and our Country. It is the American Dream, and during National Homeownership Month, we rededicate ourselves to that dream and to every American who seeks to achieve it.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois that we do hereby proclaim June 2003 as National Homeownership Month and call upon all the people of Lake County, Illinois to join us in recognizing the importance of providing every citizen with the opportunity to achieve their own American Dream.

DATED, at **WAUKEGAN, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**, on this 10th day of June, A.D., 2003.