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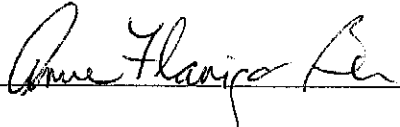
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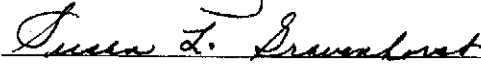
Your Community and Economic Development Committee presents herewith a Resolution providing for the extension of the term of the Lake County Affordable Housing Commission for five additional years, an identification of current programs and services provided, the provision for periodic updates and written reports, and authorizing the Chair of the County Board to make appointments; and requests its adoption.

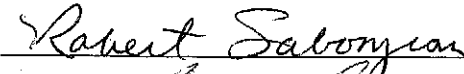
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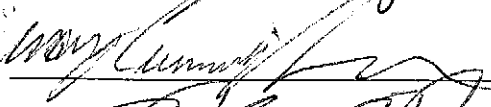
  
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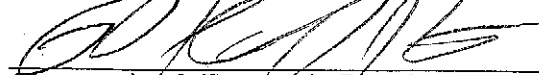
  
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RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the Lake County Board appointed a Housing Task Force in September of 1990, which was charged with preparing a report to the Lake County Board describing and defining the need for affordable housing, impediments to its provision and solutions to rectify the problems; and

**WHEREAS**, the Housing Task Force spent many hours researching and preparing a report that recommended that an Affordable Housing Commission was necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lake County Board created the Lake County Affordable Housing Commission in November of 1991 with a five (5) year term; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lake County Board previously extended the Lake County Affordable Housing Commission for an additional five (5) years on October 8, 1996 and December 11, 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, the term of the Lake County Affordable Housing Commission will be expiring and needs to be renewed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Affordable Housing Commission was originally charged with the mission as stated herein:

To advocate the increase of affordable housing throughout Lake County by educating the general public, elected and appointed officials and other interest groups regarding affordable housing issues and to plan, design, finance and produce affordable housing; and

**WHEREAS**, in October, 2000 the Affordable Housing Commission adopted the following mission statement as stated herein:

The Affordable Housing Commission is the advocate of the Lake County Board to the public for more affordable housing and collaborates with county government in setting public policy and priorities for affordable housing in Lake County; and

**WHEREAS**, in June 2006 the Affordable Housing Commission adopted the following mission statement as stated herein:

The Affordable Housing Commission serves to provide an expert resource for Lake County on affordable housing issues; and to promote policies, strategies and programs that increase and preserve affordable housing; and

**WHEREAS**, staffing and administration is provided for the Affordable Housing Commission through funding provided to Affordable Housing Corporation of Lake County, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation; and

**WHEREAS**, the work of the Affordable Housing Commission utilizes public education, advocacy and legislative affairs activities to further its mission; and

**WHEREAS**, the Affordable Housing Commission has assisted, and worked cooperatively with local governments, development interests and the business community to encourage and produce more units of affordable housing annually; and

**WHEREAS**, the Affordable Housing Commission has continued to monitor public policies as they may affect the production of affordable housing and continues to make appropriate comment and recommendations to the County Board and other relevant parties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Affordable Housing Commission was the catalyst for the creation and development of a nonprofit corporation and its programs, the Affordable Housing Corporation of Lake County, which since its inception has created and implemented programs to assist Lake County residents which include: the Lake County First Time Home Buyers Program and Maximum Affordability Mortgage that have assisted more than 1,500 low-income families purchase their first home in Lake County; the Lake County Homeowner Rehabilitation Program that has assisted more than 125 homeowners rehabilitate their homes; and a HUD certified Homeownership Education and Counseling Program that has served more than 4,200 households with pre-purchase and foreclosure prevention services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois that the term of the Affordable Housing Commission be extended for an additional five (5) years and at the end of such term, the County Board shall review and decide the term of any future term of said Commission; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Affordable Housing Commission will have broad balanced representation and membership from the following organizations and interest groups: County Board Members; mayors, trustees, or township supervisors; developers, realtors, home builders, county and municipal planning commissioners, housing authorities, county and municipal code enforcement officials, financial lending institutions, apartment associations, environmentalists, community based organizations, organized labor and major corporations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Affordable Housing Commission shall present updates to the Community and Economic Development Committee on a quarterly basis including the submission to the County Board of a written annual report that discusses, at a minimum, the following items:

- 1) the administrative and funding capacity necessary to carry out the functions of the Commission;
- 2) updates on the changing needs and requirements for all types of housing in Lake County;
- 3) statistical and narrative description of the County's conditions related to affordable housing and its impact on individuals, families and communities;
- 4) activities and accomplishments conducted to further the mission of the Affordable Housing Commission, including updates on workplans and goals;;
- 5) the Corporation's financial situation as it relates to the Commission, external fundraising efforts, and other budgetary issues that affect the Commission's future operations;
- 6) summary of the continued annual submission of the most recent financial audit;
- 7) changes in Commission By-Laws; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chair of the Lake County Board shall appoint a Chairman for a two (2) year term and members of the Affordable Housing Commission whose staggered terms of office shall be three (3) years; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Department of Planning, Building and Development is directed to further distribute copies of this Resolution to the Regional Planning Commission and all municipalities and townships in Lake County.

Dated at Waukegan, Lake County, Illinois on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, A.D., 2006.