

~ PROCLAMATION ~

WHEREAS, for more than 70 years, the policy of this country, under the U.S. Housing Act, has been to promote the general welfare of the nation by employing its funds and credit to assist states and their political subdivisions to remedy unsafe, unsanitary housing conditions and the acute shortage of decent dwellings for families with low incomes;

WHEREAS, nearly 11 percent of households in Clark County pay more than half of their income for housing and 7 percent with incomes below \$20,000 pay more than 30 percent for housing;

WHEREAS, according to the 2015 Council for the Homeless Point-in-Time Homeless Count, 662 people in Clark County are homeless, a decrease from 2013 and 2014;

WHEREAS, according to the National Low-Income Housing Coalition's 2015 *Out of Reach* report, a full-time minimum wage earner needs 1.9 jobs to afford a one- or two-bedroom unit at fair market rate;

WHEREAS, according to the Housing Assistance Council, 5.8 percent of rural homes nationwide were considered substandard in 2009;

WHEREAS, public housing is home to 2.3 million people, 37 percent of whom are children, and buildings need an estimated \$26 billion in capital repairs;

WHEREAS, the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials and other groups have declared October as Housing America Month, part of a national campaign to inform the public and decision makers of the critical need to address housing and community development concerns;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Councilors for Clark County, Washington, which has endeavored to address affordable housing and community development needs using a combination of local, state and federal resources, hereby endorses the

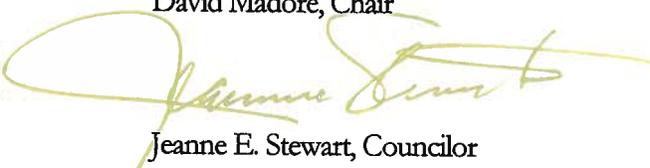
~ Housing America Campaign ~

and calls on citizens to get involved in community service this day and throughout the year. By volunteering, we strengthen community and become more understanding, compassionate citizens.

Signed this 13th day of October 2015

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