

RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, it is critically important for communities to continually address the need for affordable housing for its citizens and workforce, particularly for nurses, firefighters, police officers, returning veterans, and service industry employees, and

WHEREAS, providing decent, attractive and affordable housing will help the economic vitality of the City of Selma, Alabama, and

WHEREAS, housing experts agree that regulatory barriers can significantly add to the cost of housing or even prevent its construction, and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development created the *America's Affordable Communities Initiative* to help communities address the need for regulatory reform and to help reduce the costs of affordable housing, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Housing and Urban Development encourages local communities to develop local solutions and programs to address regulatory barriers to affordable housing,

WHEREAS, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, through the America's Affordable Communities Initiative, has created the National Call to Action for Affordable Housing Through Regulatory Reform (a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"), and is hereby asking communities to make a pledge to form task forces to examine their own regulations and to become a participant in the National Call to Action, and,

WHEREAS, the National Call to Action will create a network of participants around the country that can share progress, ideas, solutions and information with one another, and

WHEREAS, the City of Selma, Alabama finds it to be in the public interest of serving its citizens to commit to the pledge and to become a participant in the National Call to Action.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The City of Selma, Alabama hereby accepts the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's call to become an active participant in its National Call to Action for Affordable Housing Through Regulatory Reform.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, The City of Selma, Alabama will further create a task force to review its laws and regulations with the goal of reporting back to the city council within one year from the date of this Resolution with recommendations for changes in the regulatory framework that will help produce more affordable housing for Selma's workforce.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELMA, ALABAMA ON THIS THE 11th DAY OF JUNE, 2007.

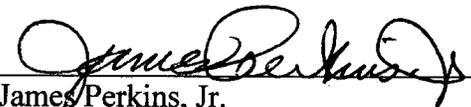


George Evans
President, Selma City Council

ATTEST:



Lois Williams
City Clerk



James Perkins, Jr.
Mayor