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Proclaiming October 2017 as “Housing America Month” in the County of Los Angeles

According to the State of the Nation’s Housing report, nearly 41 million American households now pay more than half of their income for housing, and 80% of those with incomes below \$15,000 pay more than 30% of their income for housing. Further, according to the National Low-Income Housing Coalition’s 2016 “Out of Reach” report, in no state can a full-time minimum wage earner afford either a one- or two-bedroom rental unit at fair market rent. This pressure on the housing market has direct implications to the number of people that become homeless, a population that has grown to nearly 650,000 nationwide. Locally, the 2017 Homeless Count reports that 57,794 people are experiencing homelessness on any given night.

Now more than ever, it is critical to invest in affordable, quality housing. In Los Angeles County, the Board of Supervisors has already invested more than \$115 million to affordable housing development since 2011, with the commitment to allocate over \$100 million more over the next few years.

The National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, in partnership with the National Low-Income Housing Coalition, the National Housing Conference, and the Housing Assistance Council, have declared October to be “Housing America Month” as part of a year-long, national campaign to inform the public and decision makers of

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the critical need to address the nation's housing and community development concerns.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Proclaim October 2017 as Housing America Month in the County of Los Angeles in order to recognize the importance of meeting the affordable housing needs of Los Angeles County and the nation.

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