

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the cities of Rock Island, Moline, Sterling, Morrison and Fulton formed the Northwestern Illinois Housing Coalition (Coalition) to use a regional approach to work together the last two years to obtain and use Neighborhood Stabilization Program 1 and 2 (NSP1&2) dollars to help stabilize and redevelop communities in Northwestern Illinois.

Whereas, HUD has designated the cities comprising the Coalition as an Area of Need due to certain neighborhoods within the cities comprising the Coalition being impacted by the growing problem of foreclosed, abandoned and vacant properties.

WHEREAS, the Coalition designated Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation (GROWTH) as the Lead Organization for the Coalition to assist the Coalition in obtaining and using NSP 1&2 dollars for stabilization and redevelopment projects in the communities comprising the Coalition.

WHEREAS, the Coalition has expanded its focus to address housing and educational needs for additional areas in Northwestern Illinois and seeks to build on and expand the impact of what has already been achieved with the NSP 1&2 dollars.

WHEREAS, the National Attorneys General's Mortgage Foreclosure Settlement has made available funds to strategically redevelop and revitalize communities that were hard hit by the foreclosure crisis.

WHEREAS, the Coalition seeks to obtain these funds so as to continue its work by acquiring and rehabilitating additional vacant properties, demolishing, preserving other properties, reducing lead based hazards, developing additional residential property and commercial enterprises on vacant property, and providing housing counseling and home ownership preparation to households in the Coalitions communities.

WHEREAS, many of these properties in the targeted areas continue to be impacted by the growing problem of foreclosed, abandoned and vacant properties and many are in need of substantial rehabilitation, including homes that are owner occupied, while others are beyond repair and require demolition.

WHEREAS, funding from the settlement will address these destabilizing forces in our neighborhoods and will address housing education and counseling disparities.

WHEREAS, the redevelopment, demolition and building on distressed and vacant property into affordable home ownership and rental opportunities is critical to the efforts of GROWTH on behalf of the Coalition to bring more choice and quality to our housing stock for households earning up to 120% of the Area median income.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The City of Rock Island, Illinois, its Mayor, Council and City Staff are fully confident of the ability of GROWTH as the Lead Organization for the Coalition to carry out the proposed activities and support the continued efforts of GROWTH in attaining these goals by seeking funding from the National Foreclosure Settlement Awards administered by the Housing Counseling and Community Revitalization Program. Funding from this proposal will further our shared community development objectives, increase housing education and assistance needs and stabilize the fragile parts of our neighborhoods.

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MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROCK ISLAND

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY CLERK