A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOPROPRIATION OF \$250,000 TO THE WASHTENAW HOUSING ALLIANCE FROM THE FUNDING EARMARKED FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2008 BUDGET

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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WHEREAS, the goal of ending homelessness in Washtenaw County by 2014 has been established as a major policy objective by public, private, and non-profit sector leadership across our community; and

WHEREAS, several hundred key stakeholders have contributed to the formation of "A Home for Everyone: A Blueprint for Ending Homelessness in Washtenaw County" as our community's comprehensive 10-Year Strategic Plan to End Homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners has charged the Washtenaw Housing Alliance with responsibility for implementing the *Blueprint to End Homelessness*; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw Housing Alliance has documented the cost-effectiveness of providing permanent supportive housing and related homeless prevention and supportive housing services in eliminating homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the *Blueprint to End Homelessness in Washtenaw County* has identified a goal of establishing and sustaining at least 500 units of permanent supportive housing targeted to individuals and families experiencing (or at risk of) homelessness by 2014; and

WHEREAS, in December 2007, the Board of Commissioners created a Task Force on Sustainable Revenues for Supportive Housing to develop recommendations for longer-term, sustainable funding strategies based on a collaborative, community-wide integrated funding approach; and

WHEREAS, the funding approved in this resolution will help bridge to the adoption of longer-term, sustainable funding strategies under consideration by the Task Force and provide much needed services to residents of Washtenaw County while these strategies are being developed and implemented; and

WHEREAS, the requested funding is anticipated to leverage commitments of between \$730,000 and \$1.2 million by a wide array of private and public donors for the next two years, including the City of Ann Arbor, Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation, Washtenaw United Way, Washtenaw Community Health Organization, and a number of private donors; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw Housing Alliance estimates this funding will enable the provision of enhanced supportive housing services for as many as 170 households over a two-year trial period;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the release of \$250,000 to the Washtenaw Housing Alliance from funding budgeted in reserves and earmarked for supportive housing services in the fiscal year 2008 budget.