

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING WASHTENAW COUNTY MSU EXTENSION ON BEING SELECTED THE MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY'S 2009 HOMEOWNERSHIP DIVISION HOUSING AGENCY OF THE YEAR

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

JULY 8, 2009

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County MSU Extension staff have worked with the Michigan State Housing Development Authority to provide homebuyer education for county residents since 1990, developed a Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention education program in 2007, and have served as the lead agency for the Washtenaw Housing Education Partners; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's (MSHDA) Homeownership Division Housing Agency of the Year award was presented to Michigan State University Extension – Washtenaw County during the 11th annual Michigan Conference on Affordable Housing awards luncheon held June 2, 2009 in Lansing. The award recognized MSU Extension for their contributions over the past year in addressing the impact of foreclosures on their communities; and

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County MSU Extension was recognized as a model for collaboration and their partnership with other counseling agencies to strengthen foreclosure prevention efforts in our community was highlighted. The MSU Extension staff were also recognized for voluntarily mentoring new counselors from other agencies and assisting with service related questions, processes and best practices; and

WHEREAS, MSHDA agencies not only have the capacity to provide clientele with necessary homeownership counseling services, but they also partner with other community organizations to provide a safe community based environment for families. Whether assisting a potential homeowner to overcome the challenges of buying a home for the first time, or working with a homeowner to prevent foreclosure, the MSHDA agencies are there providing these services to Michigan families; and

WHEREAS, this award was made possible through the partnerships with the Washtenaw County Treasurer, Community Development, Housing Bureau for Seniors, Legal Services of South Central Michigan, Community Housing Alternatives, POWER, Inc., and Habitat for Humanity.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby commends Washtenaw County MSU Extension for developing program services that other agencies model, for increasing their capacity to meet the needs of our community, and continuously improving their knowledge to better serve our residents.