

**A RESOLUTION ENDORSING
THE URBANA-CHAMPAIGN CONTINUUM OF CARE
TEN-YEAR PLAN TO END CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS**

WHEREAS, the Bush Administration has called for a 10-Year Initiative to End Chronic Homelessness; and

WHEREAS, chronically homeless individuals and families, those with the most persistent forms of homelessness, are afflicted not only by poverty but also by chronic conditions such as mental illness and substance abuse; and

WHEREAS, many of these individuals and families cycle repeatedly through our local shelters, hospital emergency rooms, psychiatric wards, detoxification programs, and even our criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, there exists new research findings, housing programs, and discharge planning models demonstrating that ending chronic homelessness is within the nation's grasp; and

WHEREAS, the abolition of chronic homelessness requires collaboration and coordination of resources at all levels of government, together with community institutions, businesses, and faith-based organizations, to best determine how to implement prevention and intervention strategies; and

WHEREAS, the federal government is coordinating policies and resources to assist the efforts to end chronic homelessness through the Interagency Council of Homelessness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, as follows:

1. The City of Urbana through its Community Development Services Department will, in partnership with the Urbana-Champaign Continuum of Care and the Federal government, work to meet the

challenge of the Bush Administration's goal of having 100 ten-year city plans to end chronic homelessness in place by January 2004; and

2. The City of Urbana, through its Community Development Services Department, will work with the Urbana-Champaign Continuum of Care and the Interagency Council on Homelessness to ensure its policies and resources support the elimination of chronic homelessness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, that the City of Urbana supports the 10-year planning process by endorsing the Urbana-Champaign Continuum of Care Ten-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness.

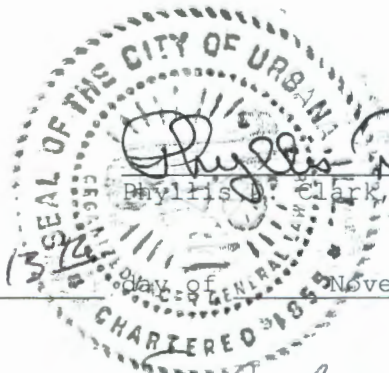
PASSED by the City Council this 3rd day of November,
2003.

AYES: Chynoweth, Hayes, Huth, Otto, Patt, Wyman

NAYS:

ABSTAINS:

APPROVED by the Mayor this _____ day of _____ November _____,
2003.


Phyllis D. Clark
Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

Tod Satterthwaite
Tod Satterthwaite, Mayor