

House America
PROCLAMATION FOR THE CITY OF ROCHESTER AND OLMSTED COUNTY



PROCLAMATION TO JOIN HOUSE AMERICA

To all to whom these presents shall come:

Whereas:

The City of Rochester and Olmsted County are committed to ensuring that all residents have a safe and affordable place to live; and

Whereas:

More than 580,000 people on a given night were experiencing homelessness in America when the COVID-19 pandemic began and had to endure the COVID-19 pandemic without the safety and protection of a stable home, while the homelessness crisis has been further impacted and/or exacerbated during and due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas:

The most effective approach to solving homelessness is the Housing First approach, which entails identifying and assisting households experiencing homelessness to obtain permanent housing quickly— without treatment or sobriety pre-conditions and with few to no barriers—through housing counseling and navigation assistance, tailored levels of rental assistance, and/or wrap-around supportive services, as needed; and

Whereas:

The American Rescue Plan Act provides communities with significant new resources to address homelessness, including 70,000 emergency housing vouchers and \$5 billion in grants through the Home Investment Partnerships program; and \$350 billion in state and local recovery funds through the U.S. Department of the Treasury; and

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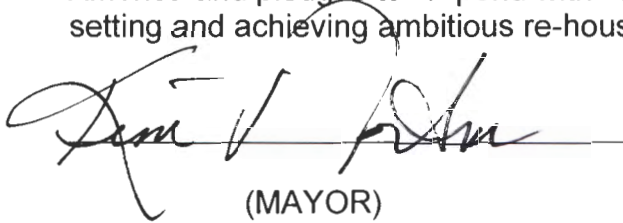
Through *House America*, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Marcia L. Fudge calls on state and local leaders to set and achieve ambitious goals for re-housing households currently experiencing homelessness and developing new supportive and affordable housing units; and

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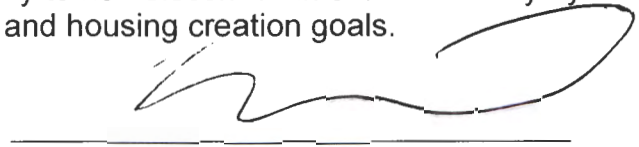
The City of Rochester and Olmsted County are committed to working with HUD and United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) to use American Rescue Plan Act resources and other federal, state, and local resources to make progress towards ending homelessness.

Now, therefore:

I, Mayor Kim Norton of the City of Rochester and Commissioner Mark Thein, Chair of the Olmsted County Board of Commissioners, do hereby announce and proclaim to all citizens that, as of April 29, 2022, the City of Rochester and Olmsted County proudly join *House America* and pledges to respond with urgency to homelessness in our community by setting and achieving ambitious re-housing and housing creation goals.



(MAYOR)



(COUNTY COMMISSIONER)