RESOLUTION NO. 04-2015 Capital Area Coalition on Homelessness

Whereas, the Capital Area Coalition on Homelessness "CACH" consists of over 70 organizations, agencies, churches, and other non-profits, that mobilizes its resources to help our regions families and friends who are homeless, or are dangerously close to becoming homeless;

Whereas, CACH members have a proven track record of commitment to help these members when they require assistance as is highlighted by the mission of CACH which is to educate and mobilize the community and coordinate services to prevent and reduce homelessness in the Capital region; and

Whereas, members of community who are homeless, or are dangerously close to becoming homeless are less likely to have adequate access to information and resources needed to effectively deal with emergencies, natural and man-made disasters;

Now, therefore be it Resolved, that the CACH shall formally establish an Emergency and Disaster Response Committee whose members shall be responsible to research emergency and disaster response best practices; to educate CACH members and the community on emergency and disaster response best practices; to promote CACH members and the community to develop internal plans to meet the needs of community members who are homeless or dangerously close to becoming homeless in the event of an emergency, natural or man-made disaster; to promote establishment of communication protocols to provide information to community members who are homeless or dangerously close to becoming homeless during periods of impending emergency, natural or man-made disasters; and to promote establishment of protocols that will maximize the effectiveness of available resources in support of the homeless and at risk members of the community in the event of an emergency, natural or man-made disaster.

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