

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, beginning in April 2010, Mayor A C Wharton convened a group of community leaders to review the achievements to date in implementing the Blueprint to Break the Cycle of Homelessness, and to look toward future strategies to end homelessness in Memphis and Shelby County.

**WHEREAS**, Robert Lipscomb, Director of the Division of Housing and Community Development and Executive Director of the Memphis Housing Authority served as the City's lead staff to develop the plan. Together with Katie Kitchin, the City's consultant for the project, Director Lipscomb formed a Policy and Planning Committee to gather additional data and recommendations, and to oversee the development of the proposed plan to end homelessness.

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor formed a Committee to End Homelessness made up of community leaders from the private, philanthropic, and public sectors to develop strategies that would help us address the increase in homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, over the course of six months, numerous work groups and focus groups met to identify key trends, strengths, and challenges facing the homeless service continuum in Memphis and Shelby County. In total, more than 75 individuals representing dozens of public and private agencies, non-profits, formerly and currently homeless people contributed to the development of this plan. Mayor of Shelby County, Mark H. Luttrell, Jr. agreed to Co-Chair the Committee to End Homelessness. The proposed plan was released in draft form to the Mayors' Committee to End Homelessness on November 16, 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, the Action Plan to End Homelessness includes examples of national best practice strategies, feedback from stakeholders and members of the community on prioritization of needs, measurable objectives as to reductions in the number of homeless persons and the length of homeless episodes, numeric targets to guide bed/unit capacity in shelter, transitional, and permanent supportive housing, specific objectives to reduce homelessness in the community, a resource and policy strategy to achieve these objectives, and a timeline with benchmarks to measure success and progress; and

**WHEREAS**, in January 2011 the final Action Plan to End Homelessness was released; and

**WHEREAS**, the Division of Housing & Community Development is requesting **Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$250,000.00)** in City funds to assist with the implementation of the Action Plan to End Homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, the funds will go to the nonprofit organization, Community Alliance for the Homeless, to provide operating funds for the implementation of the plan; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the City of Memphis that consideration be given to this request to fund the “Action Plan To End Homelessness” upon the availability of additional City funds in the amount of \$250,000.00 in the FY 2012 operating budget.