**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE "STABLE HOMES FOR FOSTER YOUTH ACT"**

WHEREAS, The United States has a fundamental responsibility to protect the safety and well-being of children in the foster care system; and

WHEREAS, Research shows that repeated placement changes and inappropriate temporary housing—such as the use of cars, offices, or hotel rooms—lead to severe emotional, psychological, and developmental harm to foster children; and

WHEREAS, Stable and long-term placements in family-based care settings such as kinship care, licensed foster families, and cottage group homes lead to better outcomes for foster youth, including higher educational achievement, improved mental health, and reduced homelessness; and

WHEREAS, The use of inappropriate placements, such as cars, state or agency offices, and hotels or motels, must be prohibited, except in emergency situations not exceeding 48 hours, to ensure the well-being of children in the foster care system; and

WHEREAS, The "Stable Homes for Foster Youth Act" (H.R. \_\_\_\_) aims to ensure foster children have stable housing and prohibit harmful temporary placements, while prioritizing kinship care, licensed foster families, and cottage group homes as approved placements; and

WHEREAS, The bill mandates that foster children be placed in environments that ensure safety, stability, and individualized care, with a maximum of two placement changes per year, except in cases of safety concerns or reunification efforts; and

WHEREAS, The bill includes provisions for real-time tracking of foster children to ensure their safety and prevent instances of children going missing; and

WHEREAS, The bill provides necessary funding and resources to assist states in implementing and maintaining these standards, including grants for the development of kinship care, recruitment of licensed foster families, and the creation of cottage group homes; and

WHEREAS, The "Stable Homes for Foster Youth Act" promotes accountability and requires states to submit compliance plans, while ensuring federal funding reductions for non-compliant states;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the undersigned Mayors, strongly support the passage of the "Stable Homes for Foster Youth Act," and we pledge to advocate for its enactment and work to ensure that every foster child has access to stable, safe, and supportive housing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we call upon our state and federal representatives to prioritize this legislation to help ensure the well-being and future success of all foster youth.

Signed,

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