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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD MEMBER INITIATIVE**

SUBJECT: Proclamation to Commemorate Homeownership Month

ELECTION DISTRICT: Countywide

CRITICAL ACTION DATE: June 20, 2019

STAFF CONTACT: Bo Machayo, Chief of Staff to Chair At-Large Phyllis Randall

PURPOSE: To commemorate June 2019 as Homeownership Month and acknowledge the many people and organizations in our community who have opened the doors to homeownership opportunity.

RECOMMENDATION: Chair At-Large Randall recommends that the Board of Supervisors adopt this resolution to recognize June 2019 as Homeownership Month.

BACKGROUND: Homeownership significantly impacts net worth, educational achievement, civic participation, health, and overall quality of life. For generations of families, the goal of owning one's home has been essential to achieving the American Dream. Homeownership serves as an enduring symbol of security and prosperity, and it provides many Loudoun County citizens with a valuable asset they can pass down to their children and grandchildren. During National Homeownership Month, the abiding value of owning a home is recognized.

DRAFT MOTION:

1. I move that the Board of Supervisors adopt this Proclamation commemorating June 2019 as Homeownership Month.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Proclamation to Commemorate June 2019 as Homeownership Month.

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS** The month of June is recognized as National Homeownership Month; and
- WHEREAS** Owning a home is a fundamental part of the American dream and is the largest personal investment many families will ever make; and
- WHEREAS** Owning a home brings a source of pride and security for generations and offers an opportunity for people to lay down roots, start a family, and embark on new beginnings; and
- WHEREAS** Homeownership builds wealth, strengthens communities, and is fundamental to the health of the local and national economy; and
- WHEREAS** Providing affordable homeownership opportunities will play a vital role in resolving the crisis in the Loudoun housing market; and
- WHEREAS** Creating affordable homeownership opportunities requires the commitment and cooperation of the private, public, and nonprofit sectors; and
- WHEREAS** Anyone who is able and willing to assume the responsibilities of owning a home should have the opportunity to pursue that dream in a safe, responsible way.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors hereby commits to ensuring more of our residents can reach for this fundamental piece of the American dream and commemorates the

Month of June 2019 as Homeownership Month

And thanks the many people and organizations in our communities who have opened the doors of housing opportunity to all citizens.

Phyllis J. Randall, Chair At-Large

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