THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF KING RESOLUTION NO. 5233

MODIFYING FAMILY SELF SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM
REGULATIONS AND APPROVING IMPLEMENTATION OF A
LOCALLY-BASED RESIDENT OPPORTUNITY PLAN AS
AUTHORIZED UNDER KCHA'S MOVING TO WORK (MTW)
DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM AGREEMENT AND OUTLINED IN
THE FY 2009 MTW ANNUAL PLAN

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2003, the King County Housing Authority (KCHA) entered in an agreement with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for participation in the Moving to Work (MTW) Demonstration Program; and,

WHEREAS, as a participant in the MTW program KCHA is authorized and encouraged, in lieu of federal program regulations, to develop policies, procedures and programs that give incentives to families to obtain employment and become economically self-sufficient; and,

WHEREAS, among the key initiatives of KCHA's FY 2009 MTW Plan is the implementation of a locally-based Resident Opportunity Plan (ROP) – a program directed at increasing the economic self-sufficiency of Public Housing and Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program participants in KCHA's jurisdiction; and,

WHEREAS, in conjunction with ROP program development, KCHA has reviewed federal regulations (Section 23 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 and 24 CFR Part 984, etc.) relating to the administration and implementation of family self-sufficiency programs for Public Housing and Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher participants; and,

WHEREAS, in place of federal requirements, KCHA has developed alternate policies that complement efforts to effectively manage its resources while advancing efforts under the Resident Opportunity Plan in a manner that (1) encourages resident involvement and community building; and (2) provides

resident incentives that increase employment and economic self-sufficiency through education and training; and,

WHEREAS, Board approval for changing HUD-mandated operational policies and procedures is required before KCHA can implement such changes.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF KING:

- (1.) The Board of Commissioners hereby approves implementation of the locally-based Resident Opportunity Plan (as attached) in lieu of the requirements of Section 23 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, 24 CFR Part 984 and related HUD handbooks, guidance, etc.; and,
- (2.) Authorizes the Housing Authority to take the necessary steps to develop ROP specific forms, contracts, participation requirements, and procedures, including administrative and reporting requirements, in order to implement the plan components effective immediately.

ADOPTED AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF KING THIS 15th DAY OF JULY 2009.

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF KING, WASHINGTON

NANCY HOLLAND-YOUNG, Chair

Board of Commissioners

STEPHEN NORMAN

Secretary-Treasurer