WHEREAS, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has issued a Notice of Fund Availability for the Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant Program and applications are due June 28, 2016; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of grant awards will be: (1) to replace distressed public housing and assisted housing with high quality mixed income housing, (2) to improve educational outcomes and intergenerational mobility for youth and their families, and (3) to create the conditions necessary for public and private investment in distressed neighborhoods; and,

WHEREAS, the Renton Housing Authority (RHA) and the City of Renton (City) have asked the King County Housing Authority (KCHA) to join them in a mutual effort to apply for the grant and if successful, administer the grant and build mixed income housing primarily in the Sunset neighborhood of Renton; and,

WHEREAS, regional cooperation in affordable housing development, preservation, and resource development will expand the housing, employment and education options of low income residents of King County; and,

WHEREAS, the City and RHA have taken significant steps towards planning and implementing substantial housing and neighborhood improvements in the Sunset neighborhood which include a new library, 26 units of new affordable housing, a new early learning center, a new accessible park and two storm water projects, as well as relocation of residents from the distressed public housing development known as Sunset Terrace; and,
WHEREAS, the experience and capacity of KCHA in the execution of similar complex neighborhood and housing development projects will greatly assist the City and RHA to gain expertise and capacity and be successful in significantly improving the lives and homes of low income households in the Sunset distressed neighborhood; and,

WHEREAS, KCHA has six affordable housing developments located in the City of Renton with 418 total units;

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

KCHA is hereby authorized and directed to cooperate with the City and RHA in the preparation and submission to HUD of a $27 million Choice Neighborhoods Implementation (CNI) grant application, including such certifications, exhibits, attachments and other documentation as may form a part of such Application. Under the Application, KCHA will commit to serve as the Lead Applicant and Housing Implementation Entity, with RHA and the City serving as co-applicants and sharing joint and several liability for the performance of all duties and obligations under the Application. KCHA is authorized to enter into various agreements and memoranda with the City, RHA and others for the purpose of clarifying the roles and responsibilities of various parties in the implementation of grant funding in the event the Application is successful.

The Executive Director is authorized to take such additional steps and to execute, deliver and file any and all government forms, affidavits, certificates, documents and agreements that the Executive Director determines to be necessary or advisable to give effect to this resolution.

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE
COUNTY OF KING, WASHINGTON

DOUGLAS J. BARNES, Chair
Board of Commissioners

STEPHEN NORMAN
Secretary