## **RESOLUTION NO. 2159-07**

## A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WINDSOR SUPPORTING HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF SONOMA COUNTY

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity International is a nonprofit housing organization founded in 1976 seeking to eliminate poverty and homelessness from the world and make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action; and

WHEREAS, as an international, grass-roots movement, there are over 2,100 affiliates in more than 90 countries, including all 50 United states, the District of Columbia, Guam and Puerto Rico; and

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity, through volunteer labor and donations of money and materials builds and rehabilitates simple, decent houses with the help of the homeowner families; and

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity has built over 225,000 homes around the world, providing more than 1 million people in more than 3,000 communities with safe, decent, affordable shelter; and

WHEREAS, Habitat for humanity affiliates work to create a culture of community service, inviting people of all backgrounds, races, and religions to build houses together in partnership with families in need, selling those houses to the families at no profit and with affordable, low-interest loans, and then using the Homeowner's monthly mortgage payments to build more Habitat for Humanity Homes; and

**WHEREAS,** Habitat for Humanity of Sonoma County has been operating since 1984 to help strengthen our communities and protect our well-being, providing numerous families with the means to achieve the American dream of home-ownership; and

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity provides the opportunity for families earning 50% of the area median income an opportunity for homeownership; and

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity of Sonoma County is currently managing affordable housing projects in Sebastopol, Healdsburg, Santa Rosa and Cotati; and

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity of Sonoma County is striving to achieve its five year goal of building 20 homes by 2010; and

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity of Sonoma County has sought assistance from the Town for future Habitat projects in Windsor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town will consider donation of employee time for purposes of supporting Habitat for Humanity projects; and

WHEREAS, the Town will encourage the donation of land by public and private sources for future Habitat for Humanity projects; and

WHEREAS, the Town will streamline the entitlement process for Habitat for Humanity projects and consider assisting with impact fees; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Town of Windsor, supports Habitat for Humanity of Sonoma County's efforts to initiate affordable housing projects in Windsor.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of October 2007 by the following vote:

**AYES:** 

COUNCILMEMBERS ALLEN, FUDGE, GOBLE, SALMON AND

MAYOR PARKER

NOES:

NONE

ABSTAIN:

**NONE** 

ABSENT:

NONE

WARIN J. PARKER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MÁRIA DE LA O. TOWN CLERK