

Resolution designating the week of April 13-17, 2015 as National Community Development week.

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the week of April 13-17, 2015 has been designated as National Community Development Week by the National Community Development Association to celebrate the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDBG Program provides annual funding and flexibility to local communities to provide decent, safe, and affordable housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities to low- and moderate-income people; and

**WHEREAS**, the HOME Program provides funding to local communities to create decent, safe, and affordable housing opportunities for low-income people. Nationally, over one million units of affordable housing have been completed using HOME funds; and

**WHEREAS**, over the past five years, our community has received a total of \$4.4 million in CDBG funds and \$1.6 million in HOME funds and this year, for every \$1 of CDBG funds invested, these projects have attracted another \$4 in additional investment; and

**WHEREAS**, Over 12,000 low- and moderate-income people received housing, health, and employment services annually in La Crosse from CDBG, and since its inception, CDBG and HOME funds have contributed to the redevelopment of 45 new, affordable homes, assisted 54 small businesses in creating more than 500 new jobs, supported parks, and helped over 1100 homeowners make significant repairs to older homes; and

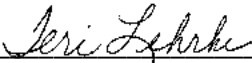
**WHEREAS**, The City of La Crosse is deeply concerned about continued cuts in Congress to this critical federal program for our community;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of La Crosse designates the week of April 13-17, 2015 as National Community Development Week in recognition of the tremendous service these two programs contribute to the community

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that our community urges Congress and the Presidential Administration to recognize the outstanding work being done locally and nationally by CDBG and HOME by supporting increased funding for both programs in FY16.

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*I, Teri Lehrke, certify that this resolution was duly and officially adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse on April 9, 2015.*

  
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Teri Lehrke, City Clerk  
City of La Crosse, Wisconsin