



Affordable Housing Week, April 21-28, 2007

Affordable Housing Week Fact Sheet

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When: April 21 – 28, 2007

Where: Northern Virginia, including the Counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William, and the Cities of Alexandria and Falls Church.

Why: The essential need for affordable housing for a growing proportion of our population requires broader discussion and attention, as it affects the health and economic well-being of communities and people across the region.

What: A week-long series of events intended to increase awareness of what affordable housing means today, and who it serves in our community. Activities include:

- Non-profit and faith community sponsored discussions about affordable housing including a DVD on affordable housing in Northern Virginia.
- Housing events sponsored by Habitat for Humanity and Rebuilding Together/Christmas in April.
- Housing related activities for 5th and 6th graders developed by members of the Emerging Leaders Institute for Affordable Housing Week.
- Increased public awareness through partnerships with local governments, businesses and community based organizations to demonstrate the benefits of affordable communities for us all.

Goals:

- (a) Educate the broader community on the vital connection between housing opportunities and economic development;
- (b) Facilitate discussions on how housing choices affect the whole community; and
- (c) Build awareness and support for current public and private efforts to provide affordable housing.



Sample Declaration of

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Whereas, affordable housing is an essential element of healthy communities and of utmost importance to our community; and

Whereas, the lack affordable housing choices for our workforce adversely affects our economic development and social fabric; and

Whereas, the broader community benefits by affordable housing choices for all of our citizens;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the [Governing Body] on behalf of all citizens of [jurisdiction] does hereby declare April 21 –28, 2007, as

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to encourage dialogue, understanding and action to promote affordable housing choices as a community value in [jurisdiction].



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- DVD on affordable housing in Northern Virginia and Talking Points for Community Dialogues
- Packet of Materials for Faith Communities and Religious Leaders
 - Faith Call for Affordable Housing
 - Faith Community Covenant for Housing
 - Prayer for Shelter
 - Housing Isn't a Religious Issue...or Is It?
 - Lesson Plan for Adult or Youth Religious Education
- "There's No Place Like Home" Elementary School Curriculum on Housing and who it Serves in our Community.
- 2007 Affordable Housing Week Poster
- Media Packet (*in production*)