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**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS the State Housing Trust Fund for the Homeless Commission (HTF), the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and the Emergency Shelter Grants Program (ESGP) partner in order to make available funds to provide shelter and essential services to homeless persons throughout the state to nonprofit organizations and local government entities operating homeless housing and/or providing services to the homeless;

WHEREAS this program is principally designed to be the first step in a continuum of assistance to enable homeless individuals and families to move toward independent living;

WHEREAS the secondary purpose of this program is to prevent the homelessness of persons;

WHEREAS the data gathered locally for a community Needs Assessment shows that unstable living conditions and homelessness is on the rise, particularly among families with children in Dalton and Whitfield County;

WHEREAS the mission of the Dalton-Whitfield Community Development Corporation (DWCDC) is to "Facilitate the opportunity of the workforce to acquire and maintain safe and decent housing in Dalton and Whitfield County";

WHEREAS the DWCDC actively participates in local collaborative efforts that coordinate the provision of housing/and or supportive services for homeless persons in our community;

WHEREAS the project submitted in this grant request addresses a service gap recognized in the Dalton 5 Year Consolidated Plan and the 2004 and 2005 Annual Action Plans submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development;

WHEREAS this project is in compliance with and furthers the Dalton – Whitfield Comprehensive Plan on file with DCA:

THEREFORE let it be known that the DWCDC plans to apply for and accept any funds allocated for these purposes through the Georgia Continuum of Care in order to be able to provide better services to the citizens of Dalton and Whitfield County.



**George Woodward, Chairman**