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**RESOLUTION APPOINTING
MS. DEVERRA BEVERLY
AS FOUNDING CHAIR
OF THE PUBLIC HOUSING MUSEUM**

WHEREAS, Ms. Deverra Beverly has been a resident of the ABLA Homes of the Chicago Housing Authority for her entire life; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Beverly and Mrs. Beatrice Jones, who is also a resident of the ABLA Homes, conceived of the idea of a museum that would be devoted to telling the story of public housing more than ten years ago; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Beverly for many years personally championed and advocated for the idea of a museum of public housing, as representative of the Central Advisory Council, with successive generations of management of the Chicago Housing Authority and other key leaders in the City; and

WHEREAS, as a result of Ms. Beverly's efforts, the Chicago Housing Authority in 2003 agreed to convey a building for a museum of public housing, and in 2005 agreed to convey the remaining building of the historic Jane Addams Homes located at 1322-24 West Taylor Street in Chicago to serve as the home of The Public Housing Museum, contingent upon meeting certain fundraising and board development targets; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Public Housing Museum wishes to honor Ms. Beverly in recognition of her critical role in making the dream of a museum of public housing a reality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Public Housing Museum, that Ms. Beverly be appointed the Founding Chair of the Public Housing Museum to serve until she is no longer able or willing to serve in this position; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Ms. Beverly shall be the only person to hold the office of Founding Chair; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that as Founding Chair, Ms. Beverly shall serve as the Museum's ambassador and shall, in conjunction with the Central Advisory Council, lead the Museum's efforts to convene residents of public housing throughout Chicago to obtain their input and ideas concerning the Museum and to encourage them share their personal stories for inclusion in the oral histories that will be an integral part of the Museum.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of The Public Housing Museum this 27th day of August, 2007.



Fred Bonner, Board President