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JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL HUMAN RESOURCE AGENCY AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL TENNESSEE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUED FEDERAL FUNDING FOR CRITICAL GRANT PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the South Central Human Resource Agency (SCHRA) and the South Central Tennessee Development District (SCTDD) are dedicated to improving the quality of life for residents in their thirteen-county service areas through economic development, social services, infrastructure investment, and community revitalization; and

WHEREAS, programs such as the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) grants, the HOME Program (HUD), and Head Start (HHS) have been instrumental in supporting economic growth, workforce development, critical infrastructure, early childhood education, senior nutrition services (Meals on Wheels), and support for vulnerable populations in these regions; and

WHEREAS, these federal programs have enabled communities within the SCHRA and SCTDD service areas to upgrade essential water and sewer systems, improve public facilities, rehabilitate housing, create jobs, support small businesses, reduce energy costs, and provide critical early childhood education and family support services; and

**WHEREAS**, proposed cuts or elimination of funding for these programs would significantly disrupt ongoing community development projects, threaten local economic stability, and disproportionately impact rural and low-income communities that lack alternative funding sources for essential services; and

**WHEREAS**, preserving these funding streams is essential to maintaining the economic vitality, public health, and overall well-being of the residents served by SCHRA and SCTDD;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Board of the South Central Human Resource Agency and the Board of Directors of the South Central Tennessee Development District, that:

- SCHRA and SCTDD jointly oppose any efforts to reduce or eliminate funding for the CDBG, CSBG, LIHEAP, EDA, HOME, Head Start, and similar federal programs that support essential community development and social service needs.
- 2. SCHRA and SCTDD urge Congress and the Administration to fully fund these programs at no less than their current levels to ensure the continued economic growth and stability of the communities they serve.
- 3. The Executive Directors of SCHRA and SCTDD are hereby authorized to communicate this position to members of the Tennessee Congressional delegation, the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO), the Community Action Partnership (CAP), and other relevant stakeholders.
- 4. A copy of this resolution shall be provided to each member of the respective Boards and made publicly available to encourage regional and statewide advocacy in support of these critical programs.

Adopted this 12 day of May , 2025.

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