

**WASHINGTON COUNTY
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING OBJECTING TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT'S (HUD) PROPOSED RULE ON MIXED-STATUS FAMILIES AND INELIGIBLE
HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (herein called "HUD") has proposed new regulations to remove "mixed families" or their family members from subsidized housing across the country, placing the burden of doing so on local housing providers;

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of Washington County currently houses over 269 people, including 172 minors and 29 are full-time students ages 18 plus, that would be impacted by HUD's proposed rule change, and implementation of said rule would result in the displacement of families;

WHEREAS, HUD's decision to retroactively apply this rule is especially unjust to current residents already receiving housing assistance provided by the Housing Authority as it breaks the current agreement and credibility the Housing Authority has established with residents;

WHEREAS, this rule change would have a significant negative impact on current families that have children that are legal citizens by forcing family members to either separate from each other or lose their home;

WHEREAS, implementation of this rule could result in current Housing Authority residents becoming homeless, putting additional strain on the Washington County Sheriff's Department and County resources that assist the homeless population.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Washington County is opposed to HUD's proposed rule change as it is unnecessarily cruel to current residents and their families.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Washington County encourages the public and staff to learn more information about opposing this rule change and as a community oppose any rule that conflicts with our nation's rich history of welcoming immigrants.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Washington County encourages the public and staff to submit public comments in opposition to the proposed rule during the comment period.

Dated this 18th Day of June 2019

WASHINGTON COUNTY

By: _____
Kathryn Harrington, Chair
Washington County Board of Commissioners