WHEREAS, the Takoma Park City Council (the “City Council”) recognizes that there is a significant need for reinvestment and revitalization of commercial and residential areas in the community; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has designated the whole of the City of Takoma Park as a Community Legacy Area (the “Area”), developed an approved Community Legacy Plan (the “Plan”), and supports the submission of a Community Legacy Application (the “Application”) to further the goals of the Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has developed four distinct Community Legacy Projects - Aspen Court Housing Project, Piney Branch Road/Flower Avenue Revitalization Project, Maple Avenue Housing Project, and New Hampshire Avenue Corridor Initiative (the “Projects”) as further described in the City of Takoma Park’s FY2010 Application; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that each of the Projects will have a significant impact on the economic vitality of the community and has identified each as a local development priority; and,

WHEREAS, the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, either through Community Legacy or through other Programs of the Department, or in cooperation with other State departments or agencies, may provide some or all of the financing for the Projects (the "Project Financing") in order to assist in making them financially feasible; and,

WHEREAS, each of the Projects are located within an established Community Legacy Area and within a priority funding area under Section 5-7B-02 of the Smart Growth Act and the Projects will conform to the local zoning code; and,

WHEREAS, the applicable law and regulations require approval of the Projects and the Project Financing by the City Council of the City of Takoma Park.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council of the City of Takoma Park supports the financing of the Projects, endorses the submission of the City of Takoma Park’s FY2010 Community Legacy application, and approves the request in the form of a grant in the amount of $556,700; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute documents and take any action necessary to carry out the intent of these resolutions.

Adopted this 20th day of July, 2009.

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Bruce Williams, Mayor

Attest:

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Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk