

**SAMPLE FORM OF RESOLUTION
FOR LOCAL JURISDICTION’S GOVERNING BODY**

A RESOLUTION Concerning

Neighborhood Business Works Program

FOR the purpose of designating _____
[geographical description of neighborhood] as a “designated neighborhood” for participation in the Neighborhood Business Works Development Program (“NBWP”) of the Department of Housing and Community Development (“DHCD”) of the State of Maryland.

WHEREAS, The Department of Housing and Community Development of the State of Maryland has established NBWP for the purposes of:

- (a) Assisting in the development, redevelopment, or expansion of small business enterprises in designated neighborhoods;
- (b) Stimulating investment by the private sector in designated neighborhoods;
- (c) Investing in small business revitalization projects in designated neighborhoods; and
- (d) Stimulating the participation of local jurisdictions in developing and expanding small business enterprises in designated neighborhoods.

WHEREAS, NBWP can provide financing for projects designed to achieve these purposes if the project is located in a “designated neighborhood”.

WHEREAS, in order to determine that _____
[geographical description of neighborhood] is a “designated neighborhood”, we considered the following factors as required by the law establishing NBWP:

- (a) The availability, cost, and condition of business facilities;
- (b) The age and number of abandoned structures;
- (c) The age and number of substandard structures;
- (d) The income of residents relative to state or regional median incomes, including the number of persons who are welfare recipients or unemployed;
- (e) The extent of unemployment and the availability in the area of jobs for residents of the designated neighborhood;

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- (f) The need for financing for small businesses in order to upgrade the social and economic conditions of the designated neighborhood;
- (g) The neighborhood development or redevelopment strategy of the local jurisdiction for the designated neighborhood;
- (h) Any plans and financial commitment of the local jurisdiction to undertake improvements in the designated neighborhood;
- (i) Standards established for other relevant state or federal programs;
- (j) Local government participation in revitalization activities including whether the local jurisdiction has been designated as an empowerment zone;
- (k) The presence of a special taxing district or historic district;
- (l) Support from community or business organizations; and
- (m) Other revitalization projects undertaken in the designated neighborhood.

WHEREAS, information, if available, as to each of these factors supporting this determination is attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby designate _____ [geographical description of neighborhood] as a “designated neighborhood” for participation in NBWP.

APPROVED by the _____ [Governing Body] on _____, 20____.

[Governing Body]

By: _____

Attest:
