RESOLUTION NO. RES-2017-003

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA ADOPTING A HOUSING FIRST STRATEGY AND FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017 WORK PLAN TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS IN SANTA ROSA.

WHEREAS, to strengthen the City's existing policies and programs regarding homelessness in Santa Rosa, the Homeless Policy Subcommittee has prepared recommendations in response to the proclamation of local homeless emergency, approved by Council on August 9, 2016, by Resolution No. 28839;

WHEREAS, these recommendations include an interim Community Homeless Assistance Program (CHAP), approved by Council on October 11, 2016, by Resolution No. 28868, a Housing First Strategy and a Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Work Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Housing First Strategy supports an evidence-based model that aligns with State and Federal policy and prioritizes the provision of housing as the primary strategy for ending homelessness; and

WHEREAS, in addition to incorporating the following three primary program areas: street outreach and engagement, coordinated entry, and housing and supportive services, the Housing First Strategy allows for "promising practices" such as CHAP; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Work Plan, drafted in conjunction with the strategy, outlines existing and new initiatives which the Council may consider implementing to further address homelessness in our community; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to adopt the Housing First Strategy and the Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Work Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa adopts the Housing First Strategy and Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Work Plan as each is set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa authorizes the Director of Housing and Community Services to amend the Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Work Plan as necessary or appropriate to facilitate efficient implementation of the Housing First Strategy approved herein.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 10th day of January, 2017.

Exhibit A – Housing First Strategy and Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Work Plan

Attachment: