

RES 16-035

Wilmington, Delaware
May 5, 2016

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WHEREAS, Congresswoman Maxine Waters, Ranking Member of the Committee on Financial Services, introduced H.R. 4888 – “Ending Homelessness Act of 2016”, landmark legislation that would provide significant resources to end homelessness in America; and

WHEREAS, there are an estimated 600,000 Americans who are currently homeless, of whom 170,000 are unsheltered, 130,000 of whom are under the age of 18, and over 83,000 whom are chronically homeless; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Waters’ legislation would provide \$13.27 billion in new funding over five years to several programs and initiatives that would provide access to both housing and supportive services to help the homeless achieve safe, decent, and affordable housing as well as long-term, positive life outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the measure, entitled “The Ending Homelessness Act of 2016” is intended to act as an emergency relief bill that would offer immediate funding to address homelessness in America, and which would affect those areas where homelessness has reached crisis proportions; and

WHEREAS, the bill provides funding to HUD to expand the Healthcare and Housing Systems Integration Initiative by assisting states and localities in coordinating policies among Medicaid programs, behavioral health providers, housing providers, and finance support services for homeless persons.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that Council advocates this bold effort to end Homelessness in America, and further urges the United States Congress to support H.R. 4888 Bill – “Ending Homelessness Act 2016”.

Passed by City Council,
May 5, 2016

Attest: Maribel Seijo
City Clerk

Approved as to form this 3rd
day of May, 2016.

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Assistant City Solicitor