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NAHB Resolution

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desire to develop its land resources in a harmonious and environmentally acceptable manner;

WHEREAS, any land use policy must balance the basic human needs of a still expanding national population with legitimate public health, safety, welfare and environmental concerns;

WHEREAS, within that framework, housing opportunities for Americans at all income levels must be expanded and the freedom of housing choice must be assured; and

WHEREAS, the federal government is often the dominant or majority landowner in many States, and it is of high importance for the federal government to timely dispose of public lands in order to best achieve economic growth and sufficient availability of land for housing and development, while ensuring responsible management of our natural resources for recreation and conservation; and

WHEREAS, there is a large body of evidence that the proliferation of regulations affecting land development has greatly increased the costs of creating new housing and, in some instances, violated property rights guaranteed under the U.S. Constitution,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association of Home Builders urge the ongoing monitoring of all land use and environmental laws, regulations, rules, ordinances, policies, and review and approval procedures policies at all levels of government to ensure:

- 1. That a clear and compelling need for the regulation exists,
- 2. That land use regulations serve a reasonable need and complement national housing goals,
- 3. That standards are technologically feasible, cost effective and attainable,
- 4. That the benefit of the standards outweighs the cost,
- 5. That environmental rulings and regulations are predicated on the best scientific facts after peer review,

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