

RESOLUTION NO. 21-04

**SOLIDARITY AGAINST
STRUCTURAL AND SYSTEMIC RACISM**

The following Resolution was introduced by Chairman Wahlstrom read in full and considered:

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of the County of DeKalb stands in solidarity against structural and systemic racism.

WHEREAS, we, staff and Commissioners believe in humanity and have deep empathy for the human condition. As providers of low-income housing we take very seriously the equal treatment of all and pledge to do better and stand out in support against racism; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the racial disparities in our society where people of color are, and have been for centuries, marginalized, mistreated, and systemically discriminated against. We recognize poverty and homelessness disproportionately falls on the Indigenous and people of color; and

WHEREAS, we hold ourselves accountable to be actively anti-racist and to join the work of dismantling structural racism and effectuate lasting change that helps create thriving communities in an equitable nation.

THEREFORE, The Housing Authority of the County of DeKalb will go forward to pursue the solutions that seek justice, end racism, heal communities, and build a society where human dignity and shared progress are valued above everything else.

Commissioner **Cada** moved that the foregoing Resolution be adopted as introduced and read, which Motion was seconded by Commissioner **Smith**, and upon roll call the Ayes and Nays were as follows:

AYES: Jerry Wahlstrom
 Ging Smith
 Deanna Cada
 Hounsrou Adjegan
 Ron Bemis

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

The Chairman thereupon declared said Motion carried and said Resolution adopted.