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Resolution

of the City Council

Our Dream Street

WHEREAS, the City of Sacramento has the distinction of being the first site in the nation to beautify an entire block of homes with Rebuilding Together; and

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2001, over 600 volunteers joined with residents of the 3900 block of Fell Street in Del Paso Heights, in a unique event to repair and beautify 15 homes on that block. This special event named "Our Dream Street" was designed to encourage community mobilization and highlight the positive visual impact that property maintenance and repairs can have on an existing street; and

WHEREAS, Rebuilding Together (formally known as Christmas in April), a national not for profit grass-roots organization that repairs homes for homeowners primarily who are low-income, elderly or disabled, was the lead entity on the Our Dream Street project; and

WHEREAS, Rebuilding Together joined with the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, and the City of Sacramento's Neighborhood Services Department to initiate the "Our Dream Street" concept together with the Del Paso Heights Redevelopment Advisory Committee, the Community Colors Paint Program, the City of Sacramento's Parks and Recreation and Planning and Building Departments, and the residents of the 3900 block of Fell Street; and

WHEREAS, volunteers on April 28, 2001 painted 12 homes on Fell Street, constructed 10 fences, landscaped 15 yards, and completed other housing rehabilitation projects that included carpet laying, tile setting, plumbing, and other repairs; and

WHEREAS, the results of the Our Dream Street effort has improved the quality of life for the seniors, families, and children on the block and is a model for others throughout the City, and because it is attracting attention on a national level, stands as an example of the power of teamwork among residents, corporate sponsors, volunteers, community organizations and public agencies to rebuild communities one block at a time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Sacramento Rebuilding Together, Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency and the Neighborhood Services Department are to be commended for their vision and collaboration in initiating the Our Dream Street effort in Sacramento, along with the many other partners who worked diligently to make this unprecedented undertaking a great success.

ISSUED: This 22nd Day of May 2001.

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HEATHER FARGO, MAYOR

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