APPENDIX 'A'

City of Calgary Resolution to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Dignity for All

Whereas in 1989, the Parliament of Canada unanimously endorsed a motion to end child poverty by the year 2000; and

Whereas Canada continues to have a high rate of poverty, by one standard measure, with 4.7 million people living in low-income households across Canada in 2006; of whom almost 1 million were children; and

Whereas poverty is largely concentrated in urban areas, with two-thirds of Canada's poor (over 3 million people) living in Canada's largest urban areas in 2006; and

Whereas the current economic recession has resulted in significantly deteriorating economic conditions for many Canadian families; and

Whereas the impacts of poverty significantly impact urban municipalities including costs of social assistance, affordable housing, homelessness, policing, fee subsidies and other social supports; and

Whereas the United Nations Human Rights Council called on the Government of Canada in 2009 to develop a national strategy to end poverty; and

Whereas organizations, led by Canada without Poverty, and Citizens for Public Justice, have launched the pan-Canadian Dignity for All Campaign that calls for vigorous and sustained action by the federal government to combat the structural causes of poverty in Canada through:

· A federal plan for poverty elimination that complements provincial and territorial plans.
· A federal anti-poverty Act that ensures enduring federal commitment and accountability for results.
· Sufficient federal investment in social security for all Canadians.

Whereas on 2009 November 24 the House of Commons passed the following motion: "That, with November 24th, 2009 marking the 20th anniversary of the 1989 unanimous resolution of this House to eliminate poverty among Canadian children by the year 2000, and not having achieved that goal, be it resolved that the Government of Canada, taking into consideration the Committee's work in this regard, and respecting provincial and territorial jurisdiction, develop an immediate plan to eliminate poverty in Canada for all."

BE IT RESOLVED that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities endorses the "Dignity for All Campaign" and calls on the Government of Canada to develop a federal antipoverty Act that ensures enduring federal commitment and accountability for results, with sufficient federal investment in social security for all Canadians; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities call on the federal government to actively consult with municipalities in the development of the announced poverty elimination plan and any forthcoming anti-poverty Act.

City of Calgary, Alberta