

SENATE RESOLUTION

8697

By Senators Alvarado, Hasegawa, Slatter, Valdez, and Wagoner

1 WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity is a global movement bringing
2 people together to build strength, stability, and self-reliance
3 through shelter, and serves communities in the United States and more
4 than 70 countries around the world; and

5 WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity creates a world of inclusion and
6 community where every family has the opportunity to achieve the
7 strength, stability, and self-reliance that comes with homeownership;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity Seattle-King and Kittitas Counties
10 has been transforming lives and strengthening communities across the
11 region since its founding in 1986 and will celebrate its 40th
12 anniversary in 2026; and

13 WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity Seattle-King and Kittitas Counties
14 has constructed or renovated 458 homes and completed 650 home
15 repairs, serving more than 2,700 individuals and families, including
16 essential workers like educators, health care professionals, bus
17 drivers, and social workers; and

18 WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity Seattle-King and Kittitas Counties
19 has advocated for 87 landmark housing policies resulting in \$4.35
20 billion in public funding for affordable housing, improving the lives
21 of more than 2.2 million people across Washington state; and

1 WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity Seattle-King and Kittitas
2 Counties has mobilized over 600,000 hours of volunteer support,
3 demonstrating the power of community commitment to solving the
4 housing crisis; and

5 WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity Seattle-King and Kittitas
6 Counties provides permanently affordable homeownership at
7 approximately 50 percent of market rates, with 76 percent of
8 initial homeowners still living in their Habitat homes an
9 average of 14 years later; and

10 WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity Seattle-King and Kittitas
11 Counties generates \$670 million in economic activity and creates
12 5,700 jobs across Washington state, with every dollar invested
13 producing more than twice its value as it circulates through the
14 economy; and

15 WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity Seattle-King and Kittitas
16 Counties' stores have diverted more than 25,000 tons of goods
17 from landfills while generating critical revenue to fund home
18 building and repair programs; and

19 WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity Seattle-King and Kittitas
20 Counties is poised to serve approximately 200 families each year
21 by 2028-2029; and

22 WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity Seattle-King and Kittitas
23 Counties is a lifeline for working families who have been priced
24 out of stability; transforming lives, building confidence, and
25 creating communities that stand for housing justice and economic
26 opportunity;

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington state
28 Senate celebrate the 40th anniversary of Habitat for Humanity
29 Seattle-King and Kittitas Counties and the impact it has had on
30 the lives of thousands of families, volunteers, and the greater
31 community over the course of its four decade history; and

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the organization continues to
33 build on its legacy as it shapes a future of greater impact and
34 inclusion in its next 40 years, one where every working family
35 has access to the stability and opportunity that comes with
36 affordable homeownership.

37 I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate,

1 do hereby certify that this is a true and
2 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8697,
3 adopted by the Senate
4 March 5, 2026

5 SARAH BANNISTER
6 Secretary of the Senate