



RESOLUTION NO. 24-34

**RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
TENANT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, in October 1974, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) began to administer a tenant-based rental assistance program authorized by Congress with the 1974 legislation, now recognized as the Housing Choice Voucher Program; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this tenant-based rental assistance was to allow families more choices in their search for rental housing as the federal government needed a new approach to rental housing to shift away from project-based public housing developments that had produced new challenges with concentration of poverty with racial segregation in American communities; and

WHEREAS, for half a century, the Housing Choice Voucher program has been a cornerstone of federal housing assistance, helping millions of low-income families, homeless Veterans, people with disabilities, and older adults access safe, decent, affordable housing in the private market, including first-time homeowners, and has emerged as the largest program by HUD and currently administered by over 2,100 public housing authorities (PHA) with over \$30 billion in assistance; and

WHEREAS, Harris County Housing Authority assists over 5,159 families in Harris County with over \$57.7 million a year in housing assistance with the tenant-based Housing Choice Voucher program and empowers them when searching for housing to live in communities of their choice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Harris County Housing Authority celebrates the accomplishments on this 50th anniversary of the tenant-based rental assistance Housing Choice Voucher program that continues to improve the quality of life by providing decent, safe, and affordable homes for all families served.

PASSED, by the Board of Commissioners this 16th day of October 2024.

Chairman:

Gerald Womack

Secretary:

Melissa Quijano