RESOLUTION NO. 2011-042

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALISTOGA, COUNTY OF NAPA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS UP TO \$15,000 IN CDBG LOW INCOME HOUSING PROGRAM FUNDS FOR EACH MOBILE HOME PARK ASSOCIATION INVOLVED IN A RENT DISPUTE ASSOCIATED WITH THE RENT STABILIZATION ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the City of Calistoga City Council has adopted a Rent Stabilization Ordinance No. 644 that allows a reasonable rent increase to mobile home park owners based upon a cost of living index; and

WHEREAS, some of the mobilehome park owners have initiated requests to increase rents beyond the cost of living index, thereby triggering mediation and arbitration hearings; and

WHEREAS, the most owners of the mobilehomes are senior citizens on a fixed income in a lower income category who cannot afford major rent increases and the cost of resolving rental disputes as set forth in the aforementioned Rent Stabilization Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the 550 mobilehomes within the City of Calistoga represent a significant portion of the City affordable housing stock that needs to be preserved; and

WHEREAS, an expenditure of the City's CDBG Low Income Housing Program Funds to preserve this affordable housing stock is an appropriate use of these funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the City Council of the City of Calistoga hereby authorizes the City Manager to provide matching funds up to \$15,000 in CDBG Low Income Housing Program Funds for each Mobile Home Park Association involved in a rent dispute associated with the Rent Stabilization Ordinance.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Calistoga at a regular meeting held this 5th day of April, 2011, by the following vote:

AYES:

Mayor Gingles, Councilmembers Slusser, Kraus, Canning,

and Vice Mayor Dunsford

NOES:

None

ABSTAIN/ABSENT: None

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ATTEST:

AMANDA DAVIS, Deputy City Clerk