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The Honorable Tina Kotek, Governor
State of Oregon
900 Court Street, Suite 254
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Dear Governor Kotek,

Sweet Home greatly appreciates your prioritization of homelessness and housing solutions and thanks you for your actions to address issues affecting all of Oregon. The Sweet Home City Council would like to request the opportunity to be included in your Executive Order 23-02 Declaring a State of Emergency on Homelessness. To this end, we have adopted the attached Resolution No. 3 for 2023.

Sweet Home has been working with community partners to address homelessness and housing for several years, and with the help of many community volunteers and partners has established a low barrier shelter, however our community still lacks funding, resources, and services to address the homelessness needs present in Sweet Home.

Sweet Home was excluded from the provisions of Executive Order 23-02 in what we perceive to be an error of omission due to a lack of awareness of our current state of homelessness. The City desires a funded mandate to improve housing in Oregon with statewide requirement for shelter and housing based on population, not inaccurate and inequitable points in time counts. HB 4123 provides a template that recognizes the need for coordinated action based on statewide standards.

It is our belief Sweet Home should be included in order to provide capacity to respond to the housing crisis. For some time now, Sweet Home's City Council has considered the state of homelessness in our community at emergency proportions and formally request the opportunity to be covered by Executive Order 23-02.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
The Sweet Home City Council



Susan Coleman, Mayor