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1 1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. _____
1 2 BY HATCH, DOTZLER, APPEL, BOLKCOM, OLIVE, HANCOCK,
1 3 SENG, WILHELM, HORN, DVORSKY, HECKROTH, SODDERS,
1 4 RIELLY, SCHOENJAHN, KREIMAN, RAGAN, SCHMITZ, BEALL,
1 5 BLACK, KIBBIE, GRONSTAL, FRAISE, DEARDEN, DANDEKAR,
1 6 QUIRMBACH, JOCHUM, McCOY, and HOGG
1 7 A Resolution urging the Governor of the State of Iowa
1 8 to declare a state of economic emergency relating to
1 9 real estate mortgage foreclosures.
1 10 WHEREAS, Iowa is in the midst of an economic
1 11 disaster unparalleled since the Great Depression; and
1 12 WHEREAS, Iowa real estate owners, especially
1 13 homeowners, are threatened with mortgage foreclosure
1 14 at unprecedented levels; and
1 15 WHEREAS, recent statistics paint a grim picture:
1 16 according to the Mortgage Bankers Association, by the
1 17 end of 2008 one out of every 20 Iowa mortgages was
1 18 delinquent, one out of every 50 Iowa mortgages was in
1 19 foreclosure, and one out of every 10 Iowa subprime
1 20 mortgages was in foreclosure; and
1 21 WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Iowa must
1 22 take decisive action to stem this rising tide of
1 23 default and foreclosure that unfairly punishes real
1 24 estate owners, especially homeowners, who were the
1 25 victims of predatory loan practices, are facing job
1 26 losses, or are experiencing financial hardship; and
1 27 WHEREAS, Iowa law, set out in Code section 654.15,
1 28 empowers the Governor to declare a state of economic
1 29 emergency, allowing for a moratorium on the
1 30 foreclosure of real estate mortgages; and
2 1 WHEREAS, this moratorium would give hard-pressed
2 2 Iowans an opportunity to regain their financial
2 3 footing and work with their lenders, who are in turn
2 4 required to make at least a good-faith effort to
2 5 restructure the debt; NOW THEREFORE,
2 6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
2 7 respectfully urges the Governor to promptly declare a
2 8 state of economic emergency and protect Iowa
2 9 homeowners, farmers, and businesses from the threat of
2 10 imminent mortgage foreclosures.
2 11 LSB 1712XS 83
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