RESOLUTION NO. 4 FOR 2008

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF SWEET HOME FOR A MICROENTERPRISE ASSISTANCE GRANT SUBMITTED BY WILLAMETTE NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES FOR THE LINN-BENTON MICROBUSINESS PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Oregon Economic & Community Development Department has announced guidelines for its 2008 Method of Distribution for Community Development Block Grants for Microenterprise Assistance; and

WHEREAS, Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services has prepared a project proposal to request such a grant for the Linn-Benton MicroBusiness Program; and

WHEREAS, as a public agency the City of Sweet Home supports the development of microenterprise businesses commonly defined as a business with fewer than five employees and with capital needs of under \$35,000; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sweet Home is forming a Regional Microenterprise Assistance Program with the cities of Albany and Lebanon and the Counties of Linn and Benton to support economic development through microenterprise services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sweet Home recognizes that Benton County is the lead applicant for this proposal and will act on the regional program's behalf as lead applicant.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Sweet Home declares its support of the Linn-Benton MicroBusiness Program grant application for microenterprise development services throughout the area of the regional program.

This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED by the Council and approved by the Mayor on the 11th day of March, 2008.

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ATTEST:

City Manager - Ex Officio City Recorder