

STATE
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State Agriculture and Rural Leaders
Resolution 2008-2

In Support of
USDA Rural Development Funding

St Louis, MO January 20, 2008

WHEREAS: a vibrant rural economy is critical to the future of American farm families and the strength of rural communities; and

WHEREAS: the U.S. Department of Agriculture office of Rural Development is the leading agency supporting rural economic and community development nationally,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that State Agriculture and Rural Leaders supports the important work of USDA Rural Development to improve the quality of life and increase economic development in rural America; and be it further

RESOLVED, that SARL encourages the long term funding of the grant, loan and loan guarantee programs administered by USDA Rural Development; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the agriculture committees of the state legislatures and the USDA Rural Development leadership in each state.

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