

# RESOLUTION 25R-27

To request the Trustees to consider including adequate housing in the sixth area of focus, community economic development

**Proposer(s):** Rotary Club of North Muskoka, District 7010, Canada

1 WHEREAS, adequate housing is recognized as part of the right to an adequate  
2 standard of living in Article 25 of the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human  
3 Rights and in Article 11.1 of the 1966 International Covenant on Economic, Social  
4 and Cultural Rights, and

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6 WHEREAS, adequate housing is more than just a roof above one's head. The  
7 right to adequate housing includes security of tenure, protection against forced  
8 evictions and availability of services, such as access to drinking water, energy,  
9 and transportation. Adequate housing is also affordable, habitable, safe, healthy,  
10 accessible - including for persons with disabilities, adequate in terms of location  
11 and culturally adequate, and

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13 WHEREAS, according to UN-Habitat, an estimated three billion people, about 40  
14 percent of the world's population, will need access to adequate housing, and

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16 WHEREAS, access to housing is a precondition for access to employment,  
17 education, health, and social services, and

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19 WHEREAS, everyone has a fundamental human right to housing

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21 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary  
22 International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to  
23 consider officially including adequate housing in the sixth area of focus,  
24 community economic development, by integrating it into the statement of  
25 purpose and goals in sub-subsection 31.010.2.6. of the Rotary Foundation Code  
26 of Policies, in accordance with the mission and vision of Rotary as stated in  
27 Rotary Foundation Code of Policies Articles 10.020. and 10.030.

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## PURPOSE AND EFFECT

28 The purpose of this resolution is to encourage the RI Board and the Trustees of  
29 The Rotary Foundation to support a focus on the fundamental human right to  
30 housing.

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32 The effect will hopefully be to encourage action to assist the estimated three  
33 billion people, about 40 percent of the world's population, in gaining access to

1 adequate housing, thereby improving their access to employment, education,  
2 health, and social services.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

3 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on The Rotary  
4 Foundation which cannot be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent  
5 on the scope and extent of support provided by The Rotary Foundation to  
6 accomplish this goal.

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8 Rotary has conducted several pilot programs related to low-cost shelters from  
9 1997 through 2019, and the organization has reaffirmed that we do not have the  
10 resources to support or fund these types of construction. Rotary does not  
11 currently fund construction projects through global grants.