

Resolution No. 2

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City: Washington, DC

NAHB Resolution

Title: Home Energy Labeling
Sponsor: Energy and Green Building Subcommittee of the Construction, Codes and Standards Committee
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WHEREAS, Congress, the U.S. Department of Energy, national advocacy organizations and others are investigating ways to encourage homeowners to invest in energy efficiency and are considering promoting the use of energy ratings and labels for homes;

WHEREAS, the existing building energy labeling programs, above-code voluntary labeling programs, and others contemplated for adoption use widely varying methods to determine the amount of energy expected to be used by new and existing homes and rely on a myriad of different criteria for developing home energy ratings and labels;

WHEREAS, a uniform approach to rating methods could allow home owners and prospective home buyers to compare the potential energy value of homes in different geographic areas, compare a home rated by one program with one rated by another, reduce overall energy usage, and provide more favorable appraisal and mortgage products; and

WHEREAS, providing information related to a building's expected energy use prior to purchasing a home will allow consumers to make educated decisions,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) support the voluntary use of energy labels and other efforts to encourage the disclosure of energy information to homeowners and home buyers;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in an effort to ensure the availability of multiple labeling options that are appropriately comparable, NAHB urge the development or reorganization of existing programs, with industry input, of voluntary uniform labeling guidelines that take into account established energy codes, address liability issues, recognize the greater energy efficiency of newly constructed homes and integrate with and complement nationally accepted rating certifications, such as the Home Innovation National Green Building Standard (NGBS) Green Certification Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to ensure added value is given to certified energy efficient new homes and remodeled existing homes, NAHB support education of appraisers to better understand energy efficient homes and the value of third party certification.

Board of Directors Action:	Approved
Executive Board Action:	Recommends Approval
Resolutions Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Housing Finance Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Construction, Codes and Standards Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Custom Home Builders Committee Action:	
Single Family Production Builders Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
NAHB Remodelers Board of Directors Action:	Recommends Approval
Business Management	Recommends Approval
& Information Technology Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Single Family Small Volume Builders Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Federal Government Affairs Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Environmental Issues Committee Action:	Recommends Approval
Energy and Green Building Subcommittee of the	
Construction, Codes and Standards Committee Action:	Recommends Approval