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PUBLIC HOUSING AND SECTION-8 VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT AMENDMENTS OF 2005 POLICY

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Amendment of 2005, requires the PHA to describe any goals, objectives, policies or programs that will enable the PHA to serve the needs of child and adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking.

- **The MHA supports the goals of the VAWA Amendments and will comply with its requirements.**
- **The MHA will continue to administer its housing programs in ways that support and protect residents and applicants who may be victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking.**
- **The MHA will not take any adverse action against a resident/participant or applicant solely on the basis of her or his being a victim of such criminal activity, including threats of such activity. “Adverse action” in this context includes denial or termination of housing assistance.**
- **The MHA will not subject a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking to a more demanding standard for lease compliance than other residents.**
- **The MHA may not consider incidents of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking as serious or repeated violations of the lease or “good cause” for termination of assistance, tenancy or occupancy rights of the victim of abuse.**
- **The MHA may not consider criminal activity directly relating to abuse, engaged in by a member of a tenant’s household or any guest or other person under the tenant’s control, cause for termination of assistance, tenancy or occupancy rights if the tenant or any immediate member of the tenant’s family is the victim or threatened victim of that abuse.**
- **The MHA may request in writing that the victim, or a family member on the victim’s behalf, certify that the individual is a victim of abuse and that the Certification of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence or Stalking, Form HUD-91006, be completed and submitted within 14 business days, or an agreed upon extension date, to receive protection under the VAWA.**

RESIDENT SIGNATURE

DATE