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AGRICULTURE  
AND  
RURAL  
LEADERS

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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