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SUBJECT—

Resolution Approving Voluntary Annexation of the remaining island of unincorporated land adjoining Chaffee Road south of Army Post Road in the historic Fort Des Moines area. The land is owned by the City of Des Moines, State of Iowa, United States Federal Government and the Fort Des Moines Memorial Park, Inc.

SYNOPSIS—

The City initiated the voluntary annexation of the City owned land and the other adjoining unincorporated land owned by the State of Iowa and United States Federal Government in the historic Fort Des Moines Area. The United States Federal Government subsequently conveyed part of its land to Fort Des Moines Memorial Park, Inc. which then applied for voluntary annexation of its land. This is a voluntary annexation that includes land owned by the State of Iowa and the United States Federal Government. Both the State of Iowa and the United States Federal Government have been notified of the pending annexation. The City has yet to receive their consent or opposition. Without their consent, the annexation will be subject to approval by a supermajority vote of the City Development Board. The annexation removes an island of unincorporated land surrounded by the City of Des Moines and should improve efficiency in the provision of emergency and other public services to the area.

FISCAL IMPACT—

The City will be responsible for providing emergency and other public services to the subject property.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval of a Resolution to Annex the subject property.

BACKGROUND—

On January 12, 2004, by Roll Call No. 04-055, the City Council initiated a proposal to annex the island of unincorporated land adjoining Chaffee Road within the historic Fort Des Moines and resolved that such proposal be set down for consideration by the City Council at a public hearing on March 8, 2004. On February 19, 2004 the Fort Des Moines Black Officers Memorial, Inc. signed the Application for Voluntary Annexation attached hereto as Exhibit "C", requesting voluntary annexation of its property into the City of Des Moines. The annexation of the island of unincorporated land as generally shown on the map attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and as more specifically described in the accompanying Exhibit "B", is consistent with the City's long range plans for the area. All of the territory proposed to be annexed is within the larger area proposed for annexation by the *Petition for Involuntary Annexation of Proposed Annexation Areas to the City of Des Moines, Iowa*, which is pending before the City Development Board in Docket No. A98-03. The voluntary annexation of the territory would remove the land from, and require the amendment of, the City's petition for involuntary annexation now pending before the City Development Board in Docket No. A98-03.