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	Agenda Item No. 26 Roll Call No. <u>10-1556</u> Communication No. <u>10-565</u> Submitted by: Allen McKinley, Finance Director/Treasurer

AGENDA HEADING:

Designating Kurt A. Rueckel, Finance Department, as the City's Authorized Representative for Federal Disaster Declaration DR-1930.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval to designate Kurt A. Rueckel as the City's Authorized Representative in order to receive FEMA reimbursement for eligible flood related expenses. On August 13, 2010, President Barack Obama declared that estimated costs of response and recovery due to flooding during the incident period beginning June 1, 2010 warranted an emergency declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42, U.S.C 5121-5206. In order to receive Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) funding, the City is required to designate an Authorized Representative to be the first point of contact for all official correspondence, audits, and other administrative issues related a Federal Disaster Declaration. Kurt A. Rueckel has served in this capacity in the past.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Costs related to this disaster are still being incurred and total damages are still being assessed. The preliminary estimate of eligible claims for the City of Des Moines is \$1,000,000 which would equate to a reimbursement of approximately \$850,000.

Funding Source: Reimbursement of eligible expenses is 75% Federal, 10% State, and 15% Local.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Heavy winter snow fall, and significant spring and summer rains in the Des Moines River Basin caused significant flooding in the Des Moines area. Because of the nature and timing of the storms, the City had advance warning that flooding would happen. The city incurred, and continues to incur, significant expenses related to mitigation, flood fighting, debris cleanup, and anticipates significant cost to repair damaged infrastructure

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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