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Date April 26, 2010

A JOINT RESOLUTION BETWEEN THE CITY OF DES MOINES AND COUNTY OF POLK ESTABLISHING THE HOMELESS COORDINATING COUNCIL

WHEREAS, homelessness in Des Moines is on the increase with many individuals living on the street, in emergency shelters and transitional housing, or places not meant for human habitation; and

WHEREAS, in recent months the City of Des Moines, Polk County, the Greater Des Moines Foundation, and United Way have discussed the issue of homelessness in central Iowa, much of which is evidenced in the City of Des Moines; and

WHEREAS, these discussions have been multi-faceted and engaged community leaders, organizations, planning groups, and advocates in identifying factors and solutions to the growing population of homeless; and

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines, with the support of United Way of Central Iowa, the Greater Des Moines Community Foundation, and Polk County, hired a team of experts – Technical Advisory Collaborative, Inc. – to assess our current and future needs and outline strategies proven effective in other communities and most appropriate for our consideration; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that we continue to work together on a long-term strategy to address homelessness, make the best use of the available resources, and ensure that implementation occurs in a manner that is coordinated and effective by the many agencies and organizations involved in providing services to the homeless population; and

WHEREAS, coordination and collaboration at the local level is essential to guide our efforts and to maximize the use of our collective funding; and

WHEREAS, there is no effective mechanism to ensure that such coordination and collaboration will occur on an ongoing basis; and

WHEREAS, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa and the Polk County Board of Supervisors, the Homeless Coordinating Council will be established by joint action of the Des Moines City Council and the Polk County Board of Supervisors, and will include Mayor Cownie, Councilmember Coleman, and Councilmember Hensley from the Des Moines City Council, and Supervisor Brownell and Supervisor Connolly from the Polk County Board of Supervisors, and the Homeless Coordinating Council may appoint up to six (6) representatives in leadership capacity from organizations that contribute funding to homeless activities.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa and the Polk County Board of Supervisors, the Homeless Coordinating Council will be charged with the development of a long-term plan designed to eliminate homelessness, identification of a clear set of policies and objectives designed to guide annual funding allocations, and review and improve the existing service delivery system and identify steps to ensure and oversee the efficient delivery of services for the homeless. In addition, priority will be given to developing housing alternatives for the numerous camps that exist today along our rivers and in isolated areas around the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa and the Polk County Board of Supervisors the Homeless Coordinating Council will be supported by a Steering Committee comprised of the Des Moines City Manager, Polk County Manager, United Way Director, a representative from the Greater Des Moines Community Foundation, and the Polk County Housing Trust Fund Executive Director. The Steering Committee will submit recommendations to the Homeless Coordinating Council and other boards and direct implementation of strategic work plans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa and the Polk County Board of Supervisors the Homeless Coordinating Council may establish an Advisory Committee to advise on the service delivery system for the homeless.

MOVED by _____ to adopt.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Bruce Bergman, City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT	ROLL CALL FOR ALLOWANCE			CERTIFICATE	
COWNIE					APRIL 26, 2010				<p>I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.</p> <p>IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.</p> <p>_____ City Clerk</p>
COLEMAN					E.J. Giovannetti	Yes	Nay		
GRIESS					Robert Brownell	Yes	Nay		
HENSLEY					Angela Connolly	Yes	Nay		
MAHAFFEY					John F. Mauro	Yes	Nay		
MOORE					Tom Hockensmith	Yes	Nay		
MEYER					Yea _____	Nay _____			
TOTAL					Above tabulation made by _____				
MOTION CARRIED					ALLOWED BY ABOVE VOTE OF BOARD				
APPROVED _____ Mayor					CHAIRPERSON _____				