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Date August 9, 2010

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LETTER IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION BY THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION OF CENTRAL IOWA TO DEVELOP A COMMUNITY RESOURCE AND REFERRAL CENTER IN DES MOINES

WHEREAS, the Veterans Administration of Central Iowa, in their overall continuum of care, offers a full range of mental health, rehabilitation, and long-term care to veterans from a large geographical area of the Midwest, including special programs for intervention in alcohol and drug treatment, Alzheimer's and homelessness;

WHEREAS, the Veterans Administration of Central Iowa currently partners with the City of Des Moines in providing rental assistance to veterans experiencing homelessness;

WHEREAS, the Veterans Administration of Central Iowa will be submitting a grant application to develop a community resource and referral center in Des Moines;

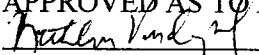
WHEREAS, the grant application for this opportunity requires a letter in support from the City;

WHEREAS, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, IOWA, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to prepare, sign and submit a letter in support of the Veterans Administration's application to develop a community resource and referral center in Des Moines to provide opportunities for the homeless population to access needed services.

MOVED by _____ to adopt.

SPONSOR: Council Member Coleman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



 Kathleen Vanderpool
 Deputy City Attorney

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MOTION CARRIED APPROVED
 _____ Mayor

CERTIFICATE

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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

_____ City Clerk



August 9, 2010

T. M. Franklin Cownie
Mayor

Lisa M. Pape, LISW
National Director
Mental Health Homeless and Residential Rehabilitation Treatment
Services

Re: Veterans Administration of Central Iowa Proposal to develop a
Community Resource and Referral Center in Des Moines Iowa.

Dear Ms. Pape,

On Monday, August 9, 2010, the Des Moines City Council approved a letter of support for the proposal by the Veterans Administration to develop a Community Resource and Referral Center in Des Moines, Iowa. The City has actively supported efforts to end homelessness in our city and to foster community efforts to provide every opportunity for the homeless to access needed services.

In recent months, community leaders have discussed the issue of homelessness in central Iowa, much of which is evidenced in the City of Des Moines. 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.

It is essential for the community to 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. Given the many agencies and organizations involved in providing services to the homeless population, coordination and collaboration at the local level is essential to guide our efforts and maximize the use of our collective funding.

During a joint meeting on April 26, 2010, the Homeless Coordinating Council was established by joint action of the Des Moines City Council and the Polk County Board of Supervisors. The Homeless Coordinating Council is comprised of the Mayor of Des Moines, two members of the Des Moines City Council and two members from the Polk County Board of Supervisors.

The Des Moines City Council strongly supports the Veterans Administration's development of a one stop Community Resource and

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Referral Center in order to provide free office space and to coordinate with community agencies to deliver vital services to the homeless. This will allow increased community coordination and to help the homeless in our community access services more readily and effectively.

We support the Veterans Administration's efforts to develop this center for the betterment of our city and its citizens.

Sincerely,

T.M. Franklin Cownie
Mayor, City of Des Moines