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Date February 27, 2012

**Authorizing Submittal of a National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Grant
Application for the 6th Avenue Streetscape Project.**

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2009, by Roll Call No. 09-503, the City Council designated support of the River Bend Neighborhood Association participation in the Main Street Program, Economic Development Grant and commitment to designate a City official to represent the City on the local non-profit Main Street Governing Board of Directors upon its creation; and,

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2011 by Roll Call No. 11-0039, the City Council approved the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund Grant Agreement with Iowa Department of Economic Development and 6th Avenue Corridor, Inc. for banner program, public art projects and streetscape plan along 6th Avenue Main Street corridor; and,

WHEREAS, in 2011 Community Development and Engineering Department staff worked with the 6th Avenue Corridor, Inc., the River Bend and Cheatom Park Neighborhood Associations, as well as various commercial property owners and business operators along the 6th Avenue corridor to prepare a conceptual streetscape design for 6th Avenue from I-235 to Hickman Road; and,

WHEREAS, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) offers its Our Town Grant Program that is intended to develop creative placemaking initiatives with the arts at their core and the program offers a limited number of grants in amounts ranging from \$25,000 to \$150,000.; and,

WHEREAS, the 6th Avenue Corridor, Inc. and Greater Des Moines Public Art Foundation have approached the City of Des Moines to partner on an NEA Our Town grant application that is due March 1, 2012; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa that the City Manager is hereby authorized to partner with the 6th Avenue Corridor, Inc. and Greater Des Moines Public Art Foundation to submit a grant application to the National Endowment for the Arts Our Town Grants Program and the Mayor or City Manager is authorized and directed to execute the grant application on behalf of the City as appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City intends to fund the required grant match in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

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MOVED by _____ to adopt.

FORM APPROVED:



Lawrence McDowell,
Deputy City Attorney

(Council Communication No. 12-106)

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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.

Mayor

City Clerk