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Date October 20, 2014

AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF AN IOWA GREAT PLACES PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION FOR IMPROVING DES MOINES' COMMERCIAL CORRIDORS FOR STREETScape ENHANCEMENTS ALONG 6TH AVENUE AND 42ND STREET

WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs, Iowa Arts Council, and the Iowa Great Places Advisory Board are accepting applications from communities seeking designation as a new Iowa Great Place and grant funding for eligible infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, the vision and goals of the Iowa Great Places Program are to have a transformative impact on community vitality and quality of life for Iowans and to align State and local resources toward cultivating the unique and authentic qualities of Iowa neighborhoods, districts, communities and regions in order to make them great places to live and work; and

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines' goals of enhancing commercial corridors, celebrating the rich diversity of our community, and constructing attractive buildings, parks, and infrastructure that generate civic pride match up very well with the intent of the Iowa Great Places Program; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, the City of Des Moines has partnered with various neighborhood associations, merchant groups, and other local stakeholders to improve and enhance commercial corridors and districts, such as Ingersoll Avenue, Highland Park/Oak Park, Beaver Avenue, and the East Locust Street; and

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines has developed a successful model that involves strong public-private partnerships for planning and implementing projects that serve as catalysts for neighborhood and commercial corridor revitalization; and

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines is currently working with the 6th Avenue Corridor (6AC) and the Roosevelt Cultural District (RCD) to plan and implement streetscape projects along 6th Avenue and 42nd Street that will further the revitalization efforts and private investment that has occurred along these culturally vibrant urban corridors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines intends to submit an application to the Iowa Arts Council and Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs to be designated an Iowa Great Place and request funding for the 6th Avenue and 42nd Street Streetscape Projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to submit an application to the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs for the Iowa Great Places Program for designation as an Iowa Great Place and to request funding for the 6th Avenue and 42nd Street Streetscape Projects.



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(Council Communication No. 14-510)

MOVED by _____ to adopt.

FORM APPROVED:

Glenna K. Frank, Assistant City Attorney

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COWNIE				
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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