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Date August 28, 2017

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE DES MOINES FIRE DEPARTMENT TO PURSUE
A CONCEPT OF PLANNING AND OPERATIONS WITH THE ALTOONA FIRE
DEPARTMENT TO IMPROVE THE DELIVERY OF FIRE AND EMS SERVICES WITHIN
AND BETWEEN BOTH CITIES AND TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN ACTIONS

WHEREAS, The Cities of Altoona and Des Moines provide fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) services through the Fire Department for their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Altoona and Des Moines have experienced growth and development, resulting in significantly increased demands for fire and EMS services ; and

WHEREAS, each City's Fire Departments are equipped with exceptional fire fighters and support staffs and have the knowledge, skills, and abilities to determine operations to best serve their communities and to request and receive appropriate aid to fulfill their missions; and

WHEREAS, each City has determined the need for additional human and capital resources to serve current and future fire and EMS response needs and each recognizes the opportunity to address these needs jointly through planning, collaboration, and efficiency of operations; and

WHEREAS, both Cities have determined the need for an additional fire station to serve its citizens and both Cities recognize the opportunity to address these needs through consideration of a fire station that could serve both communities; and

WHEREAS, working together to find solutions to address the fire and EMS service needs of each City is supported by efforts such as the Tomorrow Plan, Capital Crossroads, the comprehensive plans of Altoona, Des Moines, and Polk County, the missions of the Altoona and Des Moines fire departments, as well as the 2014 City of Des Moines Fire Station Study; and

WHEREAS, the Des Moines and Altoona Fire Departments desire to work together to improve fire and EMS services in each community and improve the efficiency of each department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that its Fire Department, through the Fire Chief and staff, work with the City of Altoona Fire Department, through its Fire Chief and staff, to pursue a concept of planning and operations to improve the delivery of fire and EMS operations within and between each City.



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Des Moines authorizes its Fire Department, through the Fire Chief and staff, working with the City of Altoona Fire Department, through its Fire Chief and staff, and with each City Manager, to implement available opportunities to improve the delivery of fire and EMS operations within and between each City and to make appropriate reports, information, and recommendations to each City Council, where their consideration and action is necessary or otherwise appropriate.

Moved by _____ to adopt.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Ann DiDonato

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Assistant City Attorney

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COWNIE				
COLEMAN				
GATTO				
GRAY				
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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