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WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines and United Way of Central Iowa have a long history of partnering in joint efforts in school readiness and neighborhood programs; and

WHEREAS, United Way of Central Iowa is submitting an application to the National League of Cities Institute for Youth, Education and Families for a grant for the "Promoting School Readiness in FFN Care Setting Phase II" technical assistance project – a project to ensure that low-income and minority children are developmentally ready for kindergarten; and

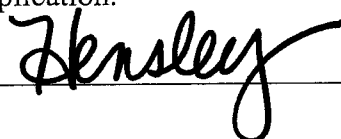
WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines understands that family, friend and neighborhood care (FFN) is the most widely used form of child care in Des Moines and believes that this technical assistance project will enable the FFN partnership to accelerate planning by identifying families, and building upon the strength of families and the community through enhanced and accessible training and the distribution of early care materials; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the grant proposal, a partnership of State Empowerment, Annie E. Casey Foundation – Making Connection, the Des Moines Public Library, the City of Des Moines, and United Way of Central Iowa will develop a more aggressive FFN Action Plan for the community ; and

WHEREAS, United Way of Central Iowa requests that the city of Des Moines submit a letter of support for its grant proposal indicating that the City of Des Moines believes the project will create a new learning environment for promising practices and the creation of new strategies with critical input from the FFN caregivers who reside in its neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it to be in the best interests of the City to support this program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to send a letter of support on behalf of the City for the above described grant application.

Moved by  to adopt.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bruce Bergman, City Attorney

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COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
HENSLEY	✓			
KIERNAN	✓			
MAHAFFEY	✓			
MEYER	✓			
VLISSIS	✓			
TOTAL	7			

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.

MOTION CARRIED APPROVED
Y. M. Franklin Council Mayor

Diane Rauh City Clerk