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Date July 14, 2008

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS
FROM IOWA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, the State of Iowa, through its Department of Economic Development (IDED), will receive an emergency grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to respond to the need for housing relief due to the June 2008 floods; and

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines, through its Community Development Department, intends to submit an application for funds in an amount yet to be determined to fund a voluntary buy-out program for flood damaged residential properties and to supplement presently existing home repair programs administered by the Community Development Department; and

WHEREAS, guidelines for the proposed acquisition and repair programs will be similar to the voluntary programs the City created after the 1993 flood for residential properties. The City's Real Estate Division of the Engineering Department will administer the flood buy-out program on a voluntary basis and eminent domain procedure will not be used to acquire any flood-damaged properties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa as follows:

1. The Director of the Community Development Department or his designee is authorized and directed to submit an application on behalf of the City of Des Moines to the Iowa Department of Economic Development for an Emergency Community Development Block Grant to fund voluntary acquisition and repair programs for homes in Des Moines damaged by the June 2008 floods.



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2. If the City's application for Emergency Community Development Block Grant funding is successful, the Directors of the Community Development and Engineering Departments are directed to seek City Council approval for future actions necessary and proper to implement the proposed acquisition and repair programs and to establish eligibility criteria for homeowner participation in the programs.

(Council Communication No. 08-419)

Moved by Vlassis to adopt.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

[Signature of Michael F. Kelley]

Michael F. Kelley
Assistant City Attorney

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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.

[Signature of T.M. Franklin] Mayor

[Signature of Diane Rauh] City Clerk