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**APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH WELLMARK BLUE CROSS
BLUE SHIELD OF IOWA FOR HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE
FOR EMPLOYEES AND CERTAIN RETIREES**

WHEREAS, by Roll Call 08-1469 on August 11, 2008, the City Council approved a Request for Proposals ("RFP") process to retain a consultant to assist the City in developing and evaluating another RFP for the City's health plans (medical, dental, and prescription) and flexible spending account administration; and

WHEREAS, Mercer Health & Benefits in partnership with B. Brendan Berigan & Associates was selected to conduct the RFP on behalf of the City; and

WHEREAS, the RFP findings were presented at a City Council workshop on February 23, 2009 including a recommendation from the consultant to award Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield of Iowa (John Forsyth CEO) a contract to insure and administer the City's group health plans, and

WHEREAS, the consultant further recommended that the City should accept as part of the contract, Wellmark's offer to administer the City's flexible spending account plan for one year (July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010) at no cost to the City and to accept Wellmark's Operational Performance Standards Guarantee; and

WHEREAS, the current health insurance coverage expires on June 30, 2009; and

WHEREAS, an insurance binder representing the costs for coverage is available for approval and execution.

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

That the rates of insurance as set out in the insurance binder from Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Iowa, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the City Clerk, is approved

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and the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute such binder on behalf of the City of Des Moines.

(Council Communication 09- 266)

Moved by Mahaffey to adopt.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Carol J. Moser
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Assistant City Attorney

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

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

T. M. Franklin
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.

Diane Rauh
City Clerk