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RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT COLLABORATION

WHEREAS, local governments in central Iowa have long and positive experience in collaborating with each other in many areas of endeavor including economic development, recreation public safety, and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, successful collaborations have been based on the concept of mutual benefit, where all parties are better off as a result of the collaborative arrangement; and

WHEREAS, the results of past intergovernmental collaboration have been better service for citizens and often a reduction in unit costs; and

WHEREAS, efficient and effective government is in the interest of all taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, elected officials have a key leadership role in promoting intergovernmental collaboration.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa that it is the intent of the City Council, through our leadership, to accelerate the extent and frequency of intergovernmental collaboration for the purpose of improving services for the same or less unit cost.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council commits to the following leadership actions in furtherance of this purpose to:

1. Direct managers/administrators to participate in regional efforts to identify opportunities for collaboration and partner with other entities to make them successful;
2. Include participation in regional collaborative efforts in the managers/administrators' annual goals and as a measure in their annual performance evaluation;
3. Direct managers/administrators to provide quarterly reports to the City Council on the progress of collaborative efforts;
4. Direct managers/administrators to include in annual budgets and financial and management reports progress of collaborative efforts;

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5. Anticipate and highlight opportunities that emerge in the regular course of business such as key retirements, contract expirations, large equipment purchases, physical facility decisions, or bulk purchases, and require evidence that collaborative opportunities have been explored before approving any such hire, contract or bond;
6. Thoroughly review, evaluate and make an explicit decision on any collaboration opportunity presented from another governmental jurisdiction; and
7. Respond to requests from other regional entities for information on collaborative efforts.

MOVED BY Hensley TO ADOPT.

Approved as to Form:

Ann DiDonato
 Ann DiDonato
 Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
GATTO	✓			
GRAY	✓			
HENSLEY	✓			
MAHAFFÉY	✓			
MOORE	✓			
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