



Roll Call Number

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Agenda Item Number

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Date March 24, 2025

**A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT TO BE ON
HALLOWEEN NIGHT IN THE CITY OF DES MOINES**

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines has historically held a "Beggar's Night" for children trick or treating on the evening before Halloween; and,

WHEREAS, other cities across the Des Moines Metro area have selected different nights for children trick or treating and the inconsistency has led to confusion in various cities as to the designated evening for trick or treating; and,

WHEREAS, a number of cities across the Des Moines Metro have agreed to try to help lessen such inconsistency and confusion by designating Halloween Night as the night for trick or treating in their cities, and Des Moines has agreed to similarly designate Halloween Night for such activities; and,

WHEREAS, a survey was conducted by the City where respondents picked Halloween as their first choice for when they'd prefer to receive trick-or-treaters and an overwhelming majority of respondents preferred Halloween as their first or second choice for when the residents prefer to receive trick-or-treaters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, as follows:

That the Mayor and City Council hereby select and designate Halloween Night, October 31, as the official night for trick or treating in the City of Des Moines, beginning October 31, 2025 and continuing each October 31, thereafter.

Moved by Coleman to adopt.

Second by Gatto.

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
BOESEN	✓			
SIMONSON	✓			
VOSS	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
MANDELBAUM	✓			
GATTO	✓			
TOTAL	7			
MOTION CARRIED		APPROVED		

Connie Boesen

Mayor

CERTIFICATE

I, LAURA BAUMGARTNER, 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.

Laura Baumgartner

City Clerk