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A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR SPINCO (CORTEVA'S SEED BUSINESS) AND ITS GLOBAL HEADQUARTERS IN JOHNSTON, IOWA

WHEREAS, Corteva Agriscience ("Corteva"), a global leader in agriculture innovation, crop protection, and seed technology, with a major business unit and research campus in Johnston, Iowa, is splitting its chemical and seed business, with its new seed company now referred to as SpinCo; and

WHEREAS, Corteva's presence in Central Iowa contributes significantly to the regional economy through high-quality employment opportunities, research and development investment, capital improvements, and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, Corteva employs thousands of Iowans in highly skilled fields including science, technology, research, business operations, and advanced agriculture, creating economic stability and opportunity for families throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, the economic impact of Corteva expands beyond municipal boundaries, benefiting communities across Central Iowa, including residents of Des Moines, through workforce participation, regional partnerships, supplier relationships, and community philanthropy; and

WHEREAS, Corteva's continued investment in innovation and agricultural advancement strengthens Iowa's reputation as a global leader in agricultural science and biotechnology; and

WHEREAS, expanding existing operations and relocating SpinCo's global corporate headquarters to Johnston, Iowa, enhances the state's competitiveness, fosters innovation ecosystems, and promotes long-term economic growth throughout the region.

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

1. The City Council formally expresses its support for Corteva and SpinCo and its continued presence and growth in Central Iowa.
2. The City of Des Moines recognizes the substantial regional economic, workforce, and community benefits generated by Corteva and strongly supports Corteva relocating SpinCo's global seed headquarters to Johnston, Iowa.
3. The City's Economic Development Administrator shall provide a copy of this Resolution to Corteva Agriscience and appropriate local, regional and state economic development partners.



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Moved by Gatto to adopt.

Second by Voss

/s/ Emily A. Duffy

Emily A. Duffy
Assistant City Attorney

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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.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

Connie Baccin

Mayor

Laura Baumgartner

City Clerk