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Date November 20, 2023

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE DES MOINES WATER WORKS
JOINING CENTRAL IOWA WATER WORKS**

WHEREAS, Des Moines Water Works Board of Water Works Trustees intends to join with other regional utilities, rural water providers and communities to create Central Iowa Water Works (CIWW), an intergovernmental entity, that will provide regional governance of water for central Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, communities in central Iowa have a long, proud history of collaboration and cooperation regarding managing water resources; and,

WHEREAS, development of a regional drinking water system has been ongoing for more than a decade to ensure the best management of water resources now and into the future, as well as the creation of a resilient system that assures water access and supply in times of drought, flooding, or water quality challenges and helps prepare for unknown threats in the years ahead; and,

WHEREAS, Des Moines Water Works Board of Water Works Trustees believes CIWW will create the fairest and most equitable sharing of costs for the region, as members collaborate on decisions to expand or build treatment plants, plan regionally for treatment and production costs, and manage financial risk for the water system; and,

WHEREAS, Des Moines Water Works will continue to exist as a water utility serving its existing retail customers and will retain ownership of its customer service and distribution systems, will continue to provide service to its direct retail customers, will continue to set water rates for its customers, and will continue to provide water from the same treatment plants to its customers; and,

WHEREAS, Des Moines Water works will receive a return on its long-time investment in the form of a cash payment to reinvest back into the portion of the system that serves Des Moines customers and others.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the City Council hereby supports the Des Moines Water Works joining Central Iowa Water Works as a Founding Member.

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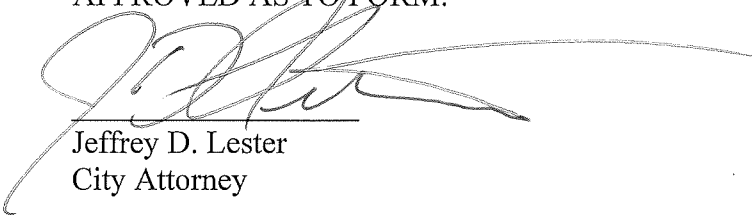
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Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Coleman.

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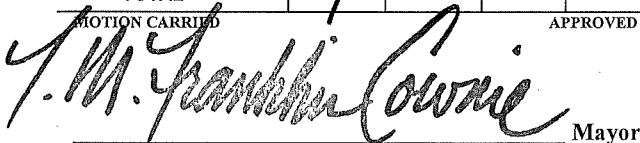

Jeffrey D. Lester
City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
BOESEN	✓			
GATTO	✓			
MANDELBAUM	✓			
VOSS	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
<u>Coleman</u>	✓			
TOTAL	7			

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.


J. M. Frank
Mayor


Laura Baumgartner
City Clerk