RESOLUTION NO. 19-
City Council

RESOLUTION OUTLINING HIAWATHA'S PHILOSOPHY AND SUPPORT OF REGIONALIZED EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROCEDURES AND CAPABILITIES

WHEREAS, the Hiawatha City Council has identified Public Safety as a high priority, and

WHEREAS, the Hiawatha Fire Department has a vision of the City of Hiawatha as a Safe Place to Live, Work and Play, and

WHEREAS, the City of Hiawatha has demonstrated its desire to work with its neighbors through County wide 28E agreements, EMS Contingency Plans, Memorandum's of understandings, and 28E Automatic Mutual Aid Agreement's, and

WHEREAS, the Hiawatha Fire Department has demonstrated its commitment to improving regional response, through conducting joint training activities, participating in regional disaster drills, attending county emergency operations drills, and being active in disaster planning including, the development of a regional Hazard Mitigation Program, and

WHEREAS, the Hiawatha Fire Department has taken a leadership role in regional activities through it's participation in E911 Board, Linn County Emergency Management, Kirkwood EMS Advisory board, and formal meetings with instructors, inspectors, and chiefs from regional departments, and

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIAWATHA, IOWA, the City of Hiawatha wishes to continually seek to work together with other Metro communities including local townships to provide the best possible fire suppression and Emergency Services to said communities in conformance with applicable Iowa laws and regulations and the City Council of the City of Hiawatha hereby encourages the city administration and fire department staff to seek out opportunities to actively improve emergency response through regional relationships and pursuing joint opportunities with other agencies.

The City of Hiawatha shall work jointly with metro emergency services agencies to provide the necessary personnel and equipment to serve the geographical area, because from time to time the resources of one community or entity may be insufficient to provide full service to the community's geographical area, and because under these circumstances the sharing of equipment, personnel, and fire suppression service would be beneficial to all of the public and its residents.

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:

PASSED AND APPROVED this 18th day of December, 2019.

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Bill Bennett, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kari Graber, City Clerk