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May 30, 2019

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Hiawatha City Council, I would like to extend our support to the Marion YMCA project. This is a great opportunity to continue cultivating a positive and healthy environment for Marion and our Linn County community members.

The city of Marion population has grown sustainably over the last decade. Currently, the Marion YMCA serves their growing community and its surrounding communities such as Cedar Rapids, rural Linn County and those living in Robins. The new Marion YMCA will continue to serve those individuals, as the Tower Terrace Road interchange is constructed and will aid in the connection to the proposed project, opening opportunities to many in the Linn County area including Hiawatha.

The Marion YMCA project will expand the area community's quality of life. As we know, our citizens are requiring more from our communities when it comes to meeting their life needs. Amongst trails, access to a major highway, and high speed internet, recreational activities are a top priority for many when factoring where one will live, work and play. This project will foster opportunity for more programming to be offered, larger spaces for community members to meet, and other available resources at community members' finger tips.

YMCA's are an integral part of a community, and for many citizens it's a daily stop to get a lap in the pool, play a round of racket ball, or meet friends over a cup of coffee at the café; simply a one stop shop. Citizens perceive their YMCA as empowering people to learn, grow and thrive. Statistically YMCA's nurture our youth and teens and improve the nation's health and over all well-being. For this reason, we believe this is an excellent community project.

With a vision to help community members improve their minds, broaden their lives and fulfill educational, recreational, cultural, and civic needs, we optimistically ask you to consider supporting the Marion YMCA project and its efforts to carry out their vision for the betterment of the Marion and surrounding Linn County community.

Sincerely,

Bill Bennett
Mayor, City of Hiawatha

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RESOLUTION NO. 19-
City Council

RESOLUTION DEMONSTRATING CITY COUNCIL SUPPORT OF THE MARION YMCA PROJECT

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIAWATHA, IOWA, that the Marion YMCA is an integral part of the Marion community and surrounding areas and in recognizing the YMCA's need to build a new building, the City Council does hereby officially extend their support to the Marion Project and its efforts to carry out their vision for the betterment of the Marion and surrounding Linn County community.

AYES:
NAYS:

PASSED AND APPROVED this 5th day of June, 2019.

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Bill Bennett, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Amy Scheer, Deputy City Clerk