CHAPTER 28E AGREEMENT BETWEEN MONROE TOWNSHIP, IOWA AND THE CITY OF HIAWATHA, IOWA FOR CLOSEST UNIT RESPONSE FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

THIS CHAPTER 28E AGREEMENT BETWEEN MONROE TOWNSHIP, IOWA AND THE CITY OF HIAWATHA, IOWA (the "Agreement") is entered into this ____ day of _____, 2019, by and between **Monroe Township, Linn County, Iowa,** a Township division of Linn County, Iowa ("Monroe Township"), and the **City of Hiawatha, Iowa**, an Iowa municipal corporation of Linn County, Iowa ("Hiawatha"). Monroe Township and Hiawatha are referred to herein individually as an "Entity" or jointly as the "Entities" pursuant to Chapter 28E of the Iowa Code.

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Agreement is to provide the best possible fire suppression to Monroe Township and Hiawatha in conformance with applicable Iowa laws and regulations and by providing a plan of automatic mutual aid for better services to the residents of Monroe Township and Hiawatha in a cost-effective manner; and

WHEREAS, each Entity shall have the necessary personnel and equipment to serve each entity's geographical area, because from time to time the resources of Monroe Township and Hiawatha may be insufficient to provide full service to each entity's geographical area, and because under these circumstances the sharing of equipment, personnel, and fire suppression service would be beneficial to both Entities, Monroe Township and Hiawatha enter into the following Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, Monroe Township, Linn County, Iowa and the City of Hiawatha, Iowa enter into this Agreement pursuant to Chapter 28E of the Code of the State of Iowa, for the mutual advantage and benefit, the Entities enter into this Agreement under the following terms and conditions:

I. The purpose of this Agreement is to provide the fire suppression to Monroe Township and Hiawatha in conformance with applicable Iowa law and by providing a plan for automatic mutual aid services to the residents of both Monroe Township and Hiawatha in a cost-effective manner by sharing equipment and personnel.

II. Upon receiving a request for Fire services, whether by a 911 call or other means, the respective department of either Monroe Township or Hiawatha may respond within the other Entity's geographic boundary. The requested services are to be considered as a standing mutual aid request for the responding department throughout the duration of the incident regardless of the jurisdiction of the incident.

III. Monroe Township and Hiawatha will respond, when available, with staffed apparatus to all reported structure fires, at locations within either entity's geographical area.

IV. The Monroe Township Fire Chief and the Hiawatha Fire Chief have established a response plan (the "Plan") regarding the deployment of personnel and equipment in responding to Emergency Incidents under this Agreement.

V. The dispatch of Monroe Township's or Robin's auto-aid apparatus will be made simultaneously with the initial dispatch to the reported incident by the Linn County Communications Center.

VI. When the fire suppression services are so engaged, the responding equipment and personnel shall be subject to the authority of the Fire Chief of the requesting Entity or his or her designee.

VII. All emergency incident activity shall be conducted in accordance with procedures consistent with the Incident Command System and the National Incident Management System.

VIII. All costs of response, including salaries of personnel, other compensation, repairs, maintenance and depreciation, shall be borne by Monroe Township and Hiawatha with respect to its own equipment and personnel. Any personal injury or death to employees of Monroe Township or Hiawatha will be the sole and exclusive responsibility of the injured party's employer.

IX. Employees or volunteers of either Entity acting pursuant to this Agreement shall be considered as acting under the lawful orders and instructions pertaining to their employment or volunteer status with such Entity. Under no circumstances are employees or volunteers of one Entity to be considered employees or volunteers of the other Entity.

X. Each Entity waives any and all claims against the other for compensation for any property loss or damage and/or personal injury or death to its personnel, as a consequence of the performance of this Agreement. Each Entity shall bear the liability and/or costs of damage to its equipment and facilities, and the compensation of its employees or volunteers, including injury or death of its personnel, occurring as a consequence of the performance of this Agreement, whether the damages, costs, injury or death occurs at an Emergency in the Entity's own jurisdiction or in the jurisdiction of the other Entity.

XI. Except as provided herein, each Entity shall be responsible for the acts or omissions of its own employees, and shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the other Entity, its officers, agents and employees from and against any and all suits, actions, debts, damages, costs, charges and expenses, including court costs and attorney's fees, arising from loss of, or damage to, private property, and/or the death of, or injury to private persons, arising from services or response rendered pursuant to this Agreement. Provided, however, the Assisted Entity shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Assisting Entity where any suits, actions, debts, damages, costs, charges or expenses arise from execution of a specific command or order pursuant to paragraph V of this Agreement.

XII. Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent or limit either Entity to this Agreement from recovering or attempting to recover costs of services rendered to a third party where such recovery of costs is provided for by law.

XIII. The Entities to this Agreement do not waive any defenses, immunities or other limitations applicable to a respective Entity or party and nothing herein shall be so construed. Each Entity to this Agreement reserves the right to fully defend all claims arising from loss of or damage to private property and/or death of or injury to private persons who are not parties

to this Agreement including, but not limited to, asserting defenses or immunities available under applicable law.

This article shall survive the termination of this Agreement where necessary to protect each Entity to this Agreement.

After approval by the Monroe Township Board of Trustees and the Hiawatha City Council, this Agreement shall become effective upon filing with the Secretary of State and recording with Monroe Township Clerk and the Hiawatha City Clerk. This Agreement shall remain in effect until terminated or amended. Either Monroe Township or Hiawatha may terminate this Agreement with at least sixty (60) days written notice of the Entity's intent to terminate this Agreement.

This Agreement as hereby entered into by both Entities is executed in two (2) copies, either of which constitutes the original.

The above described Agreement is hereby entered into by the following authorized agents of the Entities.

MONROE TOWNSHIP, IOWA

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ATTEST:
I, _____, Clerk of Monroe Township, Iowa hereby certify that at a meeting of Board of Trustees of said Township, held on the above date, among other proceedings, the above was adopted.

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CITY OF HIAWATHA, IOWA

_____
of HIAWATHA, Iowa

ATTEST:
I, Lori Pickart, Clerk of the City of HIAWATHA, Iowa hereby certify that at a meeting of City Council of said City, held on the above date, among other proceedings, the above was adopted.

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Lori Pickart, City Clerk of HIAWATHA, Iowa

RESOLUTION NO. 19-
City Council

RESOLUTION APPROVING A 28E AGREEMENT FOR CLOSEST UNIT RESPONSE FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WITH MONROE TOWNSHIP

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIAWATHA, IOWA, that the Mayor and Fire Chief are hereby authorized to sign a 28E Agreement between the City of Hiawatha and Monroe Township to provide the best possible fire suppression in conformance with applicable Iowa laws and regulations and by providing a plan of automatic mutual aid for better services to the residents of Monroe Township and Hiawatha in a cost-effective manner; and

WHEREAS, each Entity shall have the necessary personnel and equipment to serve each entity's geographical area, because from time to time the resources of Monroe Township and Hiawatha may be insufficient to provide full service to each entity's geographical area, and because under these circumstances the sharing of equipment, personnel, and fire suppression service would be beneficial to both Entities, Monroe Township and Hiawatha enter into a 28E Agreement.

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:

PASSED AND APPROVED this 15th day of May, 2019.

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Bill Bennett, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Amy Scheer, Deputy City Clerk