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POLICY ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE

WHEREAS, the City of Hiawatha has received federal funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program; and,

WHEREAS, Section 519 of the Department of Veteran Affairs and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act of 1990 requires that all CDBG recipients adopt and enforce a policy to prohibit the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within the recipient's jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and

WHEREAS, all recipients of CDBG funds are further required to follow a policy of enforcing applicable state and local laws against physically barring entrances or exits to a facility that is the subject of a nonviolent protest demonstration; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hiawatha endorses a policy prohibiting the use of excessive force and will inform all law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction of this policy,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Hiawatha hereby prohibits any law enforcement agency operating within its jurisdiction from using excessive force against any individuals engaged in nonviolent civil rights demonstrations. In addition, the City of Hiawatha agrees to enforce any applicable state or local laws against physically barring entrances or exits from a facility or location that is the subject of a non-violent protest demonstration. The City of Hiawatha further pledges enforcement of this policy within its jurisdiction and encourages any individual or group who feels that the City of Hiawatha has not complied with this policy to file a complaint.

Information and assistance relative to excessive force complaints shall be provided by the city of Hiawatha, which may be contacted at 319-393-1515.

Adopted by the City of Hiawatha this 5th day of September, 2018.

Signed (Bill Bennett, Mayor): _____.

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RESOLUTION NO. 18-
City Council

RESOLUTION APPROVING POLICY ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIAWATHA, IOWA, to approve a Policy on the Prohibition of the Use of Excessive Force in connection with the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Rehabilitation Program as shown in the attached "Exhibit A."

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:

PASSED AND APPROVED this 5th day of September, 2018.

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Bill Bennett, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kelly Kornegor, City Clerk