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City Manager's Office

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Sheila Lundt, Assistant City Manager

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DATE: September 5, 2008

SUBJECT: Donation of Peace Pole

On September 9, the Mayor Pro Tem will read a proclamation celebrating the Eleven Days of Global Unity (September 11-21). In conjunction with that proclamation, the group called Eleven Days of Global Unity – Ames would like to present a Peace Pole to the City of Ames. The Peace Pole itself will be approximately 6 feet tall, will be free standing, and will have the message, “May peace prevail on Earth” written in different languages on each of its sides.

Over the years the City Council has accepted a number of items from partner cities, individuals who have donated artwork to the City, and materials for the collection at Ames Public Library to name just a few. There is no formal City policy on acceptance of donations.

The Eleven Days of Global Unity – Ames group is making no requests of a specific location for the Peace Pole to reside. Staff is suggesting that it be located either near the bench at the front of the Council Chambers (just outside the Council Chambers), or in the atrium area on the first floor of City Hall.

Lastly, the group would like to hold a dedication event for the Peace Pole on September 11, 2008 in the Council Chambers should City Council accept this donation. The Council Chambers are available for the dedication.