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**To:** Mayor and City Council

**From:** Brian Phillips, Assistant City Manager

**Date:** July 11, 2017

**Subject:** Resolution Regarding Equal Provision of Public Services

At the June 27, 2017, City Council meeting, the City Council discussed and adopted a “Safe Community Resolution.” Subsequent to that discussion, the City Council approved a motion to place an additional resolution on a future City Council agenda. The language of this additional resolution was proposed by Council Member Orazem. The text of it appears attached to this memorandum.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_**

**RESOLUTION AFFIRMING EQUAL PROVISION  
OF PUBLIC SERVICES  
TO THE COMMUNITY OF AMES, IOWA**

WHEREAS, Ames hosts Iowa State University, a major research university that welcomes over 4 thousand international students per year from 124 countries; and,

WHEREAS, alumni of Iowa State reside in at least 134 different countries; and,

WHEREAS, 12% of the Ames population is foreign born; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Ames collaborates with the Ames International Partner Cities Association to promote cultural and educational exchanges between the people of the City of Ames and those of her Partner Cities; and,

WHEREAS, our Declaration asserting the basis for our nation's founding, has held that all men are created equal with certain unalienable Rights including Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness, and that the proper function of Government is to insure those rights; and,

WHEREAS, in 1868, the State of Iowa ratified the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution which declares that, "No state shall deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws"; and

WHEREAS, from its founding, the City of Ames, her public employees, and her citizens have endeavored to welcome and support visitors, immigrants and refugees from all nations, religions, and backgrounds with policies and programs that foster inclusion for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Ames will assure that its employees and citizens will be fully informed of their responsibility to extend the rights of equal protection under the laws of the City of Ames to all residents, citizen and noncitizen; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no residents of the City of Ames, citizen or noncitizen, will be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no employees of the city of Ames will limit access to public services or seek proof of citizenship except where federal or state law explicitly reserve rights for legal citizens of the United States.

ADOPTED THIS \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.