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To: Mahesh Sharma, County Administrator

From: Timothy Huey, Planning Director

Date: February 13, 2017

Re: Approval of resolution identifying Scott County as a Home Base Iowa Community

The State of Iowa has a program called Home Base Iowa to encourage returning veterans to settle in Iowa following their discharge from the service. The information from the State on this program states:

Join the growing list of Home Base Iowa (HBI) Communities committed to welcome transitioning military members and their families leaving military service to become Iowans. The HBI Communities initiative designates communities as centers of opportunity for military veterans and further highlights Iowa's statewide commitment to welcoming and employing veterans. Iowa has a great story to share nationwide, regularly ranking high on lists naming Iowa as a great place to live, work, play and raise a family

Home Base Iowa is a one-of-a-kind program assisting veterans and transitioning service members. Currently, Iowa's unemployment rate is just over four percent, but businesses need skilled workers. This program helps connect these businesses with qualified veterans looking for career opportunities. Countless resources help veterans and their families with education and in transitioning to a new community with focused support and individuals who want to help. Home Base Iowa's private-public partnership provides a high level of commitment and resources for our veterans, transitioning service members and their families.

Vision: *Iowa is the "State of Choice" for veterans and transitioning service members for employment, education and/or continued service; and service members are valued in communities which are welcoming, affordable, safe and family-friendly.*

Mission: *Provide veterans and transitioning service members and their families with opportunities and benefits for a successful transition in Iowa — a place to call home.*

The Home Base Iowa (HBI) program is an initiative put forward by Governor Terry Branstad and Major General Tim Orr, the Adjutant General of the Iowa National Guard. They recognized an opportunity to honor all veterans and help bridge Iowa's current skills gap. Home Base Iowa was developed as a non-profit, private-public partnership to recruit veterans and transitioning service members and help them find private-sector careers in Iowa. Bob Meyers, CEO of Casey's, and Congressmen Leonard Boswell are co-chairs of the initiative.

In 2014, the Iowa Legislature overwhelmingly passed the HBI Act, which provides the following incentives: state income tax exemption on military pensions, \$5000 military homeowner assistance, permissive veteran preference in employment, streamlined occupational licensure processes, and automatic in-state tuition at public universities and community colleges for qualified veterans, spouses and their dependents.

Scott County Planning and Development and Veterans Affairs having been working with the Chamber and Economic Development staff from Davenport and Bettendorf to sign local businesses up for this program and to have each community in Scott County pass a resolution identifying themselves as Home Base Iowa Communities.

The Home Base Iowa Program also provides a clearinghouse for veterans to post their resumes and employers to post job opportunities. Local HBI Communities can list the veterans benefits and incentives they can provide along what is provided by the State of Iowa.

Staff would recommend the Board approve a resolution identifying Scott County as a Home Base Iowa Community.

Home Base Iowa Businesses in Scott County

- Cintas – Davenport
- Colony Brands – Davenport
- Control System Specialists – Davenport
- Cottingham & Butler – Davenport
- Crown Equipment Corp – Davenport
- DES Employment Group – Bettendorf
- Express Employment Professionals – Davenport
- Ferguson Enterprises, Inc. – Davenport
- Galaxy 1 Marketing – Davenport, Bettendorf, Eldridge, Long Grove, Donahue, Walcott, Blue Grass
- Good Samaritan Society – Davenport
- Hy-Vee – Bettendorf, Davenport
- Iowa 80 Truckstop – Walcott
- Iowa American Water – Davenport
- John Deere – Davenport, Bettendorf
- Koestner, McGivern & Associates – Quad Cities
- Kraft Heinz – Davenport
- McCoy Group – Davenport
- MidAmerican Energy Company – Scott County
- Military Cost Cutters – Quad Cities
- Miracle Tools America, LLC – Davenport
- Pepsi – Davenport
- Per Mar Security – Davenport
- Professional Building Services – Davenport
- Quad City Bank & Trust – Davenport
- Rhythm City Casino – Davenport
- Securitas Security Services – Bettendorf
- SpeedConnect, LLC – Davenport
- The Overture Group – Quad Cities
- Thompson Truck & Trailer – Davenport
- Twin State Technical Services – Bettendorf, Davenport, Eldridge
- Upper Mississippi Fleeting – Buffalo
- UPS – Davenport
- Van Meter – Davenport
- Von Maur – Davenport

THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S SIGNATURE CERTIFIES THAT
THIS RESOLUTION HAS BEEN FORMALLY APPROVED BY
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON _____.
DATE

SCOTT COUNTY AUDITOR

RESOLUTION
SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
February 23, 2017

**APPROVAL OF THE SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S SUPPORT FOR
THE HOME BASE IOWA INITIATIVE AND DECLARING SCOTT COUNTY A HOME
BASE IOWA COMMUNITY.**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Scott County Board of Supervisors as follows:

Section 1. The State of Iowa has launched a public-private partnership called Home Base Iowa initiative, which is an effort to match military veterans with jobs available across Iowa; and.

Section 2. The Home Base Iowa initiative consists of two programs, Home Base Iowa Businesses and Home Base Iowa Communities; and Iowa businesses and communities have been requested to join, promote and support the Home Base Iowa initiative and one of the requirements for Scott County to be a Home Base Community is that the Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution of support.

Section 3. The Scott County Board of Supervisors finds that it is in the best interests of Scott County and veterans everywhere to support the Home Base Iowa initiative and adopt this resolution.

Section 4. The Scott County Board of Supervisors hereby approves this resolution of support for the Home Base Iowa initiative and declares Scott County to be a Home Base Iowa Community.

Section 5. The Board of Supervisors encourages Scott County businesses to take whatever actions are necessary to become and continue to be a Home Base Iowa Business and other Scott County municipalities to take whatever actions are necessary to become and continue to be a Home Base Iowa Community

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.