RESOLUTION NO. 060821-1

A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR HEART AND SOUL COMMUNITY VISIONING PROJECT BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AKRON, IOWA.

WHEREAS, the City of Akron, while a desirable place to live with a long history of welcoming all, sees an opportunity for an even stronger future for its culture, economy, and residents through participation in a Community Heart & Soul project.

WHEREAS, Community Heart & Soul is a community-wide effort to understand what matters most to all residents of the City.

WHEREAS, the three guiding principles of Community Heart & Soul mirror the desires of city leadership when considering future plans: Involve Everyone, Focus on What Matters, Play the Long Game.

WHEREAS, The Community Heart & Soul Program provides an effective template for use in community planning that encompasses a broad cross section of community participation.

WHEREAS, Community Heart & Soul has been successfully used in other communities to distill what matters most to residents into Heart & Soul statements that provide the guidance for future plans, decisions, and actions affecting the Akron and Westfield communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF AKRON, IOWA, that this resolution has been assembled for the City of Akron to approve and agree to participate in the Community Heart & Soul program as outlined by the Orton Family Foundation, with the assistance of Heart & Soul Coach Michelle Franks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLBED, that the City of Akron supports the volunteers of Stronger Together: Akron and Westfield Community Heart & Soul Leadership Team to act as project coordinators.

Passed, approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Akron, Iowa, this 8th day of June, 2021.

Denise Loutsch-Beitelspacher, Mayor Pro Ter

ATTEST: