RESOLUTION NO. 2019 - 5 - 68

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE LINN COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD’S COMMUNITY ATTRACTION AND TOURISM (CAT) GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE MORGAN CREEK PARK PHASE I DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, Morgan Creek County Park was established in southwest Linn County in 1964 and is now a 357 acre regional attraction; and,

WHEREAS, Morgan Creek County Park’s diverse natural resources include creeks, wetlands, prairie, woodland, and oak savanna, which create habitat for a wide variety of plant and animal life; and;

WHEREAS, Morgan Creek County Park’s many outdoor recreational opportunities include primitive and modern campgrounds, multi-purpose biking, hiking, and cross-country skiing trails, picnic areas, playgrounds, open sports fields, and a unique outdoor arboretum with over 250 species of trees and shrubs; and,

WHEREAS, nearby residential development and regional population growth make Morgan Creek Park an increasingly vital natural and recreational resource; and,

WHEREAS, the Linn County Conservation Board adopted the Linn County Parks Master Plan in 2015, guided by a Master Plan Committee and public input; and,

WHEREAS, Linn County Conservation desires to implement Morgan Creek Park Phase I development, which includes projects such as park and playground accessibility improvements, amenity upgrades, trail connectivity, wetland expansion, and storm water management that respond to the increased demand of nearby development and population growth; and,

WHEREAS, Linn County Conservation seeks a Community Attraction and Tourism grant to help fund the important Phase I improvements.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Linn County Board of Supervisors hereby supports and endorses the Linn County Conservation Board’s CAT grant application for funding the Morgan Creek Park Phase I Development project.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 8th day of May 2019.

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Stacey Walker, Chair

Ben Rogers, Vice Chair

Brent Oleson, Supervisor

ATTEST:

Joel Miller, Linn County Auditor

Deputy