

**RESOLUTION NO. 1274**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, WASHINGTON,** supporting Highline School District No. 401 Proposition 1, *Bonds to Construct New Schools and Replace and Renovate Deteriorating Schools*, in the amount of \$385,065,156.00 of general obligation bonds to finance improvements to its schools.

**WHEREAS,** Highline School District provides a high quality public school education to students who live in the City of Des Moines, and quality schools are a critical resource for local communities and employers, and

**WHEREAS,** Highline School District is experiencing a significant increase in enrollment that has led to overcrowding at many schools; and enrollment projections call for continued increases and enrollment, resulting in more overcrowding across the District, and

**WHEREAS,** improvements to school facilities are needed in the District in order to provide the students with adequate, proper, and safe educational facilities, and

**WHEREAS,** on June 4, 2014, the District's Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 06-14 providing for the submission to the voters of the District at a special election to be held on November 4, 2014 Proposition 1 to finance improvements to its schools to include building two new middle schools and one elementary school (Des Moines Elementary); rebuilding a high school; upgrading and modernizing two high schools; repairing deteriorating roofs and structures; enhancing learning environments at other District schools; expanding student access to classroom technology at all schools; and making District-wide safety and security improvements, and

**WHEREAS,** Des Moines students benefited greatly over the past 10 years with new, state-of-the-art schools with the latest technology, including Mt. Rainier High School, Midway Elementary School, Parkside Elementary School and North Hill Elementary School, and

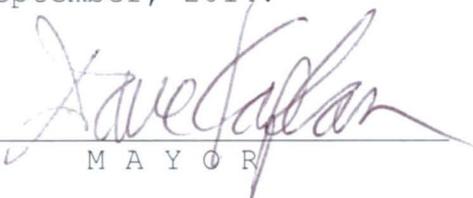
**WHEREAS,** the District's Proposition 1 will provide the financing of these improvements by issuing \$385,065,156 of general obligation bonds and levying annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, and

**WHEREAS**, the \$385,065,156.00 bond measure will leverage up to an additional \$78.6 million in state and federal matching funds; now therefore,

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

The Des Moines City Council strongly supports Highline School District's Proposition 1, *Bonds to Construct New Schools and Replace and Renovate Deteriorating Schools*, on the November 4, 2014 ballot, concerning a proposition to relieve overcrowding and replace deteriorating, outdated schools; authorizing the District to rebuild Highline High School, construct two new middle schools, construct a new Des Moines Elementary School at Zenith, make critical improvements at Evergreen and Tye Campuses, and make District-wide health, safety, security, arts, technology, and other capital improvements; issue no more than \$385,065,156.00 of general obligation bonds maturing within 21 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, all as provided in Highline School District's Resolution No. 06-114.

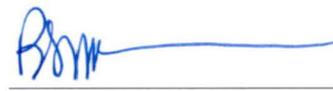
**ADOPTED BY** the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Washington this 11th day of September, 2014 and signed in authentication thereof this 11th day of September, 2014.

  
MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Assistant City Attorney

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk