CITY OF WEST DES MOINES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING COMMUNICATION

ITEM: Proclamation-Beggars Night in West Des Moines **DATE:** August 24, 2015

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None

SYNOPISIS: This proclamation will establish Beggars Night in the City of West Des Moines 6:00pm – 8:00pm on the following dates:

Friday, October 30, 2015
Sunday, October 30, 2016
Monday, October 30, 2017
Tuesday, October 30, 2018
Wednesday, October 30, 2019

BACKGROUND: Historically this event has taken place on the evening of October 30 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm throughout the Des Moines metro area. Several cities have adopted the same date which replaces "trick or treating" on October 31.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES: None

RECOMMENDATION: City Council proclaim October 30 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm as the official Beggars Night in the City of West Des Moines for the years 2015 – 2019.

Lead Staff Member: Greg Hansen, Superintendent of Recreation

STAFF REVIEWS

Department Director	
Appropriations/Finance	
Legal	
Agenda Acceptance	RTJ

PUBLICATION(S) (if applicable)

Published In	
Dates(s) Published	

SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW (if applicable)

Committee			
Date Reviewed			
Recommendation	Yes	No	Split

PROCLAMATION

Beggars Night in West Des Moines

WHEREAS, Halloween is a tradition enjoyed by young and old alike, and is the time when spooks and goblins visit our homes; and

WHEREAS, the young children participate in the "tricks and treats" ceremony within their neighborhoods and provide enjoyment to all that greet them; and

WHEREAS, a special evening should be set aside for this event and a reminder made for all to be especially cautious for the youngsters out and about during this period;

NOW THEREFORE, in special recognition of Beggars Night, I, Mayor of the City of West Des Moines, do hereby proclaim the evening of October 30 in the years 2015 through 2019 as the official "Beggars Night" in the City of West Des Moines.

Dated this 24th day of August, 2015.

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Steven K. Gaer, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Ryan Jacobson, City Clerk