

RESOLUTION NO. 04-23

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CREATION OF
THE HEART OF IOWA REGIONAL HOUSING TRUST FUND**

WHEREAS, in 2018 Webster and Hamilton Counties collaborated to create the Heart of Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund (HIRHTF), whose general mission and purpose is to address the affordable housing needs within the region through coordination and long-term planning; and,

WHEREAS, on August 30, 2022, the HIRHTF Board of Directors accepted Calhoun, Humboldt, Pocahontas, and Wright Counties into the existing region to receive funding as of January of 2023; and,

WHEREAS, it is important for the area's communities and counties to collaborate to address this issue; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Laurens understands that opportunities exist to secure resources to address the various housing needs in our community through the establishment of a regional housing trust fund; and,

WHEREAS, the housing trust fund would consist of all areas within Calhoun, Hamilton, Humboldt, Pocahontas, Webster and Wright Counties; and,

WHEREAS, a local governing board comprised of no more than 50% local government/public officials will be established and be responsible for identifying, securing and allocating resources for the trust fund and will solicit comments from the public annually.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Laurens does hereby support The Heart of Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 16th day of January, 2023.

Ayes: Zylstra, Jamison, Booth, Christenson, Swanson

Nays: _____

Other: _____

CITY OF LAURENS

By: _____

Rod Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Hilary Reed, City Clerk