RESOLUTION 2021-15

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GOTHENBURG, NEBRASKA, SUPPORTING RETENTION OF THE CURRENT THIRTY SIXTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT BOUNDARY OF THE NEBRASKA LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS: the Nebraska Legislature will undertake legislative redistricting as a result of the 2020 United States Census; and

WHEREAS: the current boundary of the Thirty Sixth Legislative District encompasses the entirety of Dawson and Custer counties and the northern part of Buffalo county; and

WHEREAS: Legislative Resolution 134 of the One Hundred Seventh Legislature establishes criteria for the redistricting process; and

WHEREAS: the 2020 Census count for the Thirty Sixth District is within a 5% deviation of the 2020 average legislative district population and constitutes a core prior legislative district; and

WHEREAS: Dawson and Custer counties each have county wide economic development organizations servicing the larger towns and villages and support interlocal governmental cooperation; and

WHEREAS: a number of citizens travel between the communities of Gothenburg, Broken Bow, Cozad, Lexington, and Ravenna for employment, and these larger communities provide jobs for residents of the smaller communities in Dawson, Custer and the northern part of Buffalo Counties.

WHEREAS: there is a strong community of interest in the counties of Dawson, Custer, and the northern part of Buffalo based on production agriculture, livestock production and processing.

WHEREAS: Dawson, Custer, and the northern part of Buffalo counties are served by five critical access hospitals that utilize the same specialists and provide cross coverage with health care providers; and

WHEREAS: there are 13 school districts located within the boundaries of District 36, all of which are served by one Educational Service Unit; and

WHEREAS: people living in District 36 are best served by a State Senator who comes from their communities of interest, and in whom they are confident and can hold accountable.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOTHENBURG HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

The City of Gothenburg strongly urges the Nebraska Legislature to retain the current boundary of the Thirty Sixth Legislative District due to the strong community of interest in education, health care, business and governance within the District.

Passed and approved this $\underline{\gamma}^{\mu}$ day of September, 2021.

CITY OF GOTHENBURG, DAWSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Joyce Hadson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Misty Bussinger, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael L. Bacon, City Attorney