

## **Proclamation**

WHEREAS,	Ankeny, Iowa was one of 31 communities in the United States recognized as
	"Playful City USA" in the program's initial year of 2007, and is one of fourteen
	communities nationwide to receive the honor ten consecutive years, and;

whereas, the "Playful City USA" program recognizes communities with a commitment to building and maintaining parks and playgrounds, engaging citizens in parks/recreation initiatives, leveraging community partnerships, and financial funding of new and existing parks and play spaces, and;

WHEREAS, Ankeny, Iowa has been recognized by KaBoom!, a national non-profit organization for these outstanding practices through the "Playful City USA" program, was one of only three Iowa communities to achieve this designation in 2016, and is applying to the program for an eleventh consecutive year.

**NOW THEREFORE, I,** Gary Lorenz, Mayor of the City of Ankeny, do hereby proclaim that the City of Ankeny recognizes the importance of quality parks, play spaces, and recreation programs, and furthermore endorses the "Playful City USA" program and the community's continued inclusion in that program as a 2017 "Playful City USA" member.

DATED AND SIGNED THIS 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF February 2017.

ATTEST:	Gary Lorenz, Mayor
Pam DeMouth, City Clerk	