RESOLUTION NO. 11-1007

TO THE HONORABLE IOWA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

WHEREAS, Sheriff Steven Michek periodically reports to the Courts, Justice and Law Enforcement Committee on the inmate population which for many years has exceeded the County's Jail capacity resulting in taxpayer dollars paying for housing Iowa County inmates in other out-of-county facilities at a cost of $52/day (approximately $100,000 annually); and,

WHEREAS, Sheriff Michek brought to the Committee's attention a legislative bill (AB 216) that would allow for community service time to be applied to good time on a 3 days of community service for one day of good time ratio; and,

WHEREAS, the Courts, Justice and Law Enforcement Committee feels this legislation would be beneficial in the following ways:
1. Provide some relief to the County's inmate overpopulation problem.
2. Reduction in the inmate population would reduce the taxpayer burden for funding $100,000 per year to house Iowa County inmates in out of county jails.
3. Increase the amount of community service performed in the community.
4. Provide a meaningful activity in lieu of the inmate sitting in their jail cell.
5. Would not endanger the community – subject to development of a structured eligibility criteria system for program participants.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by The Iowa County Board of Supervisors, support AB 216 for the above mentioned reasons.

Dated this 16th day of October 2007.

Respectfully submitted by the Iowa County Courts, Justice and Law Enforcement Committee:

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Phil Roberts
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