

RESOLUTION 1668

**A RESOLUTION TO WELCOME THE DES MOINES REGISTER'S ANNUAL GREAT BIKE RIDE ACROSS IOWA (RAGBRAI) TO CEDAR COUNTY IN 2018.**

**WHEREAS**, Cedar County is fortunately well positioned to host RAGBRAI XLVI providing our citizens the opportunity to take part in this world class, world renowned event; and the chance to showcase our communities and impress our Iowa values upon thousands of visitors from all walks of life, and

**WHEREAS**, RAGBRAI provides a significant economic boost to both for-profit businesses and non-profit organizations in its overnight and pass-through communities, and

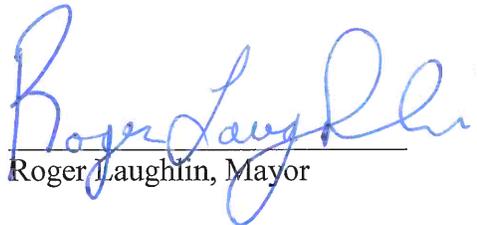
**WHEREAS**, RAGBRAI fosters a great sense of community pride as residents rally in preparation for the event and work together to put a collective best foot forward as the riders roll into town, and

**WHEREAS**, biking in general is an excellent form of exercise enjoyed by millions of Americans, as well as a pollution-free form of transportation that should be encouraged; and RAGBRAI promotes bicycle culture and can introduce our residents to the many health, economic and environmental benefits of cycling.

**WHEREAS**, the City of West Branch is anticipated to be on the route of the next RAGBRAI, and will gain exposure for local trails, businesses, and community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of West Branch, Cedar County, Iowa, pledges our full support in bringing RAGBRAI back to Cedar County, and our wonderful Iowa communities in 2018. In addition, authorizes the use of municipal support service resources as a partner with this event as it travels through our municipal boarders.

Passed and approved this 4th day of December, 2017.

  
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Roger Laughlin, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Leslie Brick, Deputy City Clerk