

Township of \_\_\_\_\_

County of \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION # \_\_\_\_\_**

**Resolution Governing Write-In Vote Counting**

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 204B.09, subd. 3(c), allows townships to establish a resolution governing the counting of write-in votes for township offices;

WHEREAS, the statute provides that townships may choose to record the write-in votes for individual candidates only if the total number of write-in votes for that office is equal to or greater than the fewest number of non-write-in votes for a ballot candidate;

WHEREAS, opting not to record the write-in votes for an individual ballot office when the total number of write-in votes for that office is unlikely to result in an error in the administration of the election;

WHEREAS, the administration of the township election requires significant investment of human and financial resources;

WHEREAS, a reduction in the time and resources necessary to administer the election provides a benefit to the township and is in the best interests of township;

WHEREAS, the orderly and efficient administration of elections increases confidence in the election process;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, votes for write-in candidates for township office will be individually recorded only if the total number of write-in votes for an office is equal to or greater than the fewest number of non-write-in votes for the same office.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, this resolution will remain in effect until a resolution on the same subject is adopted by the Township Board.

Passed this \_\_\_\_\_, day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Attested to by:

BY THE BOARD

\_\_\_\_\_  
Town Clerk

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Town Board Chair