

**Town of Cornish
Aitkin County, Minnesota
Resolution No. 2005-1**

**RESOLUTION TO EXEMPT ANNUAL TOWNSHIP ELECTIONS
FROM MANDATED USE OF ASSISTIVE VOTING AND
OPTICAL SCAN TABULATING**

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has enacted the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002 to improve the administration of elections throughout the nation by the use of assistive voting equipment and optical scan tabulating equipment; and

WHEREAS, The State of Minnesota has adopted the federal guidelines to extend to state and local elections, and

WHEREAS, HAVA will provide initial federal and state funding for the purchase, maintenance, and storage of required voting equipment, training of election officials, and programming of ballots, and

WHEREAS, funding for annual township elections is not addressed by HAVA thus putting an undue financial burden on the townships to comply with the use of the required voting equipment, and

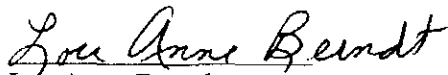
WHEREAS, Townships should be allowed to retain the authority to effectively administer their annual township election process,

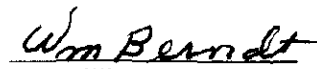
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of Cornish requests the annual township elections be exempt from the state-mandated use of assistive voting equipment and optical scan tabulating equipment.


Approved by the Town Board of the Town of Cornish the 4th day of December, 2005.

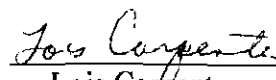
Attest:

Town of Cornish


LouAnne Berndt
Town Clerk


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Linda Pexa
Supervisor


Lois Carpenter
Supervisor