

# **A RESOLUTION TO EXEMPT TOWNSHIP ELECTIONS FROM HAVA REQUIREMENTS**

## **RESOLUTION 1-2006**

**Hayland Township  
Mille Lacs County, MN**

**Whereas**, the Federal Government passed the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002 in an effort to accomodate handicapped voters in federal elections and the Minnesota Legislature (in 2004) extended the requirements of the HAVA law to state and local elections; and

**Whereas**, while there are state and federal funds available to help with the purchase of assisted voting machines, optical-scan, vote tabulating equipment and training and election costs for the 2006 election, this funding will not cover on-going costs to operate, store, program and maintain the machines as well as the additional costs associated with publishing notices of and holding accuracy tests and purchasing expensive ballots for the electronic machines; and

**Whereas**, programming costs alone are estimated to be several hundred to over a thousand dollars per election, and whereas there may be other additional costs such as additional ballot printing that will significantly increase the expense for conducting elections; and

**Whereas**, it is cost prohibitive for most townships to use electronic machines for the annual March township elections since the per capita cost of using electronic voting machines would be extremely high, and because of this, were given a temporary exemption until December 31, 2007;

**Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the Town Board of Hayland Township, Mille Lacs County, State of Minnesota, requests that the State exempt local elections from HAVA mandates and provide on-going funding to operate, store, maintain and program these machines for all future elections, including the March township elections if not exempted.

The above resolution was unanimously passed at the Hayland Township monthly meeting on January 15th, 2006.

**Attested to by :**

*Cynthia Anderson - Clerk*  
1-17-06

Cynthia Anderson  
Hayland Township Clerk