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RESOLUTION TO EXEMPT LOCAL ELECTIONS FROM HAVA REQUIREMENTS

WHEREAS, the federal government passed the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002 in an effort to accommodate handicap voters in federal elections and the Minnesota Legislature extended the requirements of HAVA law to state and local elections in 2004 and

WHEREAS, while there are state and federal funds available to assist in the purchase of assisted voter 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, maintain, and program 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, the township has less than 175 registered voters, and is declining in the number of residents, and

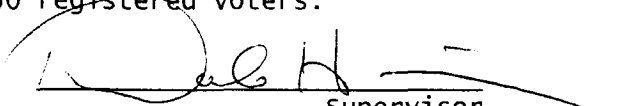
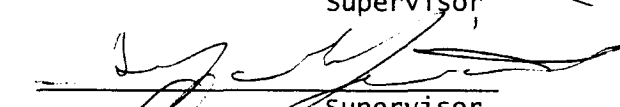
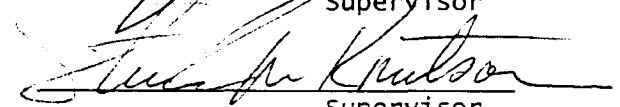
WHEREAS, programming costs alone are estimated to be several hundred to over a thousand dollars per election, and

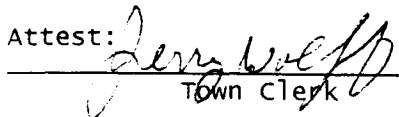
WHEREAS, it is cost prohibitive for the township to use electronic machines for the Annual March Town Elections, and

WHEREAS, the township has efficiently and effectively met the needs of Handicap voters in all past elections,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Rosen Yellow Medicine County requests that the state exempt local elections from the HAVA mandates, for all Townships with less than 250 registered voters.

Dated 3, 2, 2006


Supervisor,

Supervyisor

Supervisor

Attest: 
Town Clerk