

RESOLUTION NO. 01-17-05(2005)

A Resolution Supporting Amendment to Absentee Voting Law

WHEREAS, the absentee voting process was originally designed to enable elderly, disabled, hospitalized, military and overseas voters, and people who were going to be absent from the Township on Election Day an alternate means to cast their ballot; and

WHEREAS, 1999 Wisconsin Act 182 was adopted which allows voters to request an absentee ballot to be mailed to their home or to vote early in the Clerk's office without having to give a reason; and


WHEREAS, various political parties and special interest groups have mailed promotional material encouraging electors to vote by absentee ballot for the sake of convenience; and

WHEREAS, postage for each absentee ballot sent costs the Town of Farmington at least \$.74, plus the cost of faxing ballots, supplies and labor involved to process and track absentee ballots, in addition to the extra burden put on election workers on Election Day to process the absentee ballots; and


WHEREAS, the Town of Farmington must absorb the cost of absentee voting for all elections without any financial assistance from the State of Wisconsin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Farmington hereby petitions the State of Wisconsin Legislature to reinstate the law requiring a person to receive an absentee ballot only if they are elderly, disabled, hospitalized, in the military, living overseas, or absent from the Town on Election Day.


Passed and adopted the 17th day of January 2005.



Donald Fabricius, Chairman

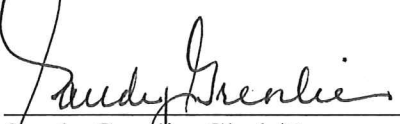


Dale Trinrud, Supervisor



Eugene Engebretson

Attest:



Sandy Grenlie, Clerk/Treasurer