

Resolution Supporting Township Government

Whereas, the federal government has learned that large government is too remote from those it serves and is inefficient;

Whereas, township government is close to the people and provides services in accordance with locally established needs;

Whereas, township government is the most efficient and cost effective form of government to provide those services;

Whereas, township government was established as an essential part of our democracy and remains the purest form of democratic government in the nation;

Now therefore be it resolved that DEAD LAKE TOWNSHIP strongly opposes any efforts to eliminate townships or otherwise limit their role in providing services to their constituents.

Dated this 14th day of MARCH, 1995

Elaine Bistun

Chair or Moderator

Vicky Benson
Chazina Haberka
and in trust

Edward
Hemoch
Vic Sonnenberg
Don Douglas

James Helling

Jim Bistrom

Patricia A. Benson

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Julia Anderson

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DEAD LAKE TOWNSHIP OFFICE

Dent, Minnesota 56528

MARCH 22, 1995

TO: Minnesota Legislators

FROM: The electors of Dead Lake Township, Otter Tail County, Minn.

RE: THE PROPOSAL TO ELIMINATE ALL TOWNSHIPS

At our recent Annual Township Election on March 14, 1995, our electors and Town Officers held discussion on the bill Representative Dave Bishop and Senator Sandra Pappas have introduced to eliminate all township government in Minnesota by 1997..

Our electors are strictly against the bill (H. F. No. 372, S. F. No. 433) that would allow county governments to become responsible for delivering services now provided by the townships.

Township government is community based. Townships are the only form of government where the residents have direct input into the operation of their community. Township residents set their own taxes and decide the types and level of service provided. All townships residents have a free and full opportunity to directly participate in township affairs, as they so choose.

The discussion held in our township fully agreed that big government is not efficient and does not reflect the interests of the people. Transferring these duties and decisions to our County government will ultimately cost our taxpayers far more and will probably not recognize the needs of the people in our specific area. Township residents and officers volunteer a great deal of time to make their township a better place to live.

Respectfully,

Vicky Genoch
Dead Lake Township Clerk

ENC: Resolution Supporting Township Government
(signed by the electors present at the Annual Township Meeting for Dead Lake Township On March 14, 1995.)

cc: Governor Arne Carlson
Senator Roger Moe
Senator Dean Johnson
Representative Irv Anderson
Representative Steve Sviggum
*Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners