

RESOLUTION NO. _____
IN SUPPORT OF RANKED CHOICE VOTING

WHEREAS, the political divide in local communities, our state, and our country are significant and growing, and

WHEREAS, a greater political divide leads to lesser representation, greater animosity, instability in policy, and gridlock, and

WHEREAS, there are significant challenges facing our community and every community in the state and country, and

WHEREAS, the best and fairest way to face and overcome challenges is through as much consensus as possible, and

WHEREAS, Ranked Choice Voting, by design, is a system that intentionally attempts to elect representatives through consensus, and

WHEREAS, the people of our democracy deserve better and more productive policies, and

WHEREAS, Minnesota State law currently, though perhaps not explicitly, prohibits the use of Ranked Choice Voting in local and state elections, and

WHEREAS, Ranked Choice Voting is simple, easy, and efficient, and

WHEREAS, most opposition and misinformation about Ranked Choice Voting is driven by the political parties that are causing the political divide, and

WHEREAS, it is prudent to improve our election system to better represent the will of the people, and

WHEREAS, there are examples of Ranked Choice Voting and its success in the State of Minnesota as well as the country, and

WHEREAS, Ranked Choice Voting provides a viable path for more options beyond the two major political parties, and

WHEREAS, Ranked Choice Voting eliminates spoiler and wasted vote dynamics, and

WHEREAS, Ranked Choice Voting practically eliminates negative campaigning, and thereby reducing the influence of outside money in campaigns, and

WHEREAS, local jurisdictions should at least have the opportunity to determine for themselves if Ranked Choice Voting should be used for their local elections,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that we support removing regulatory barriers and giving all local jurisdictions in Minnesota the option to use Ranked Choice Voting if they

ALSO, THEREFORE, be it resolved that we support the use of Ranked Choice Voting in all statewide elections in Minnesota.

MOTION, _____, and SECOND, _____.
AYES: Mills, Sullivan, Svailes, Storlie, Hawkins
NAYS: None.

I, Braidy Powers, County Auditor, Cook County, Minnesota hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of the resolution of the County Board of Commissioners with the original record thereof on file in the Auditor's Office of Cook County in Grand Marais, Minnesota as stated in the minutes of the proceedings of said Board at a meeting duly held on the 13th Day of 2022 and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original record and of the whole thereof, and that said resolution was duly passed by said board at said meeting.

Braidy Powers, Cook County Auditor-Treasurer