TOWN OF HARPERSFIELD RESOLUTION NO. 010 OF THE YEAR 2023

Councilmember Patrick F. Funk offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

TITLE: A RESOLUTION URGING THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR KATHY HOCHUL TO DRAFT AND ENACT LEGISLATION REGARDING A VOTER'S IDENTIFICATION PROCESS.

WHEREAS, this Country was formed on the principles of democracy and our forefathers fought for our right to elect our representation; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the States in the U.S. require a voter's identification to increase the public's confidence and ensure a fair election process; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Elections may not get notification of a voter registering in another location or of a death of a registered voter; and

WHEREAS, in an economy where the Board of Elections may not have sufficient funding or staffing to purge voters rolls of individuals who no longer live in each election district or County, as required; and

WHEREAS, in a day and age where the ability to work does not necessarily need to be where you live, this allows for more individuals to be transient in nature and the additions of voter's identification will assist in keeping all voters rolls current; and

WHEREAS, in the State of New York the requirement is to compare the signature on file, this doesn't necessarily help maintain current voter registration, as name and address changes are not necessarily communicated in the current process, also this would assist in the purging of the roles of individuals who are no longer active voters in that County; and

WHEREAS, the subject of the resolution is not an action as defined by 6 N.Y.C.R.R. § 617.2(b), and therefore no further SEQRA review is required.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TOWN BOARD HEREBY REQUESTS, the New York State Legislature and Governor Hochul to draft and enact legislation to allow for a voter's identification process to assist with maintaining voter's registration rolls; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to Governor Hochul, Andrea Stewart-Cousins, President Pro Tempore and Majority Leader, Carl E. Heastie, Speaker of the Assembly, the Huntington Delegation to the New York State Legislature: Assemblyman Steve Stern, Assemblyman Keith Brown, and Senator Mario Mattera and Senator Peter Oberacker and Assemblyman Christopher Tague.

Seconded by Councilmember Matthew J. Taylor with the vote as follows:

Supervisor, Lisa M. Driscoll

Councilmember Matthew J. Taylor Aye.

Councilmember Patrick F. Funk Aye.

Councilmember Erik R. Reeve Aye.

Councilmember Dwayne C. Hill Aye.

THE RESOLUTION WAS THEREUPON DECLARED ADOPTED.

STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF DELAWARE

TOWN OF HARPERSFIELD

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I have compared the preceding copy with the original Resolution on file in this office adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Harpersfield at a regular meeting held on June 14, 2023, and I DO HEREBY CERTIFY the same to be correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of the original. I further certify the vote thereon was as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MEMBERS ABSENT:

VOTE:

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5 Ayes.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Town of Harpersfield, this 15th day of June 2023.

Linda E. Goss, Town Clerk

Town of Harpersfield