

Resolution in Support of Strong Township Rights

Whereas: Minnesota has a heritage of strong local democracy and part of this heritage is the right of townships and counties to do land use planning and create local zoning ordinances if they so choose;

Whereas: This fundamental right has been challenged by special interests who want to limit local input into potentially harmful and controversial developments;

Whereas: Corporate interests have proposed weakening local democracy in Minnesota in order to push unwanted developments into communities such as large-scale livestock operations and frac sand mines,

Whereas: Local control has been weakened by corporate special interests in Wisconsin and Iowa where townships and counties no longer have a meaningful say on the issue of large-scale feedlots

Whereas: Township and County governments are among those closest to the people and their powers and rights should be protected;

Therefore be it resolved that the _____ party supports maintaining our existing strong township rights in Minnesota and preserving the right of townships to enact zoning ordinances to protect the health and well-being of their community if they so choose