

**RESOLUTION 1-2005
EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER THE HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT**

WHEREAS, Congress pass the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) to create a more uniform voter registration and voting system in the United States, and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin State Elections Board (SEB) is charged with implementing a Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS) that complies with HAVA, and

WHEREAS, local units of government understand their obligations and commitments as mandated by HAVA and state statutes to administer, implement and maintain local voter registration information within a centralized SVRS, and

WHEREAS, compliance will require an investment in computer equipment, staff time for data entry and costs associated with administering and maintaining the program, and

WHEREAS, this creates an unfunded mandate for local levels of government, and

WHEREAS, HAVA rather than encouraging citizens to vote, creates obstacles for those who do not wish to divulge private identifiable information and have it be maintained as part of a public record.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Cato Town Board of Supervisors in regular session expresses concern over the provisions and prohibitions as detailed in the Help America Vote Act that infringe upon individual privacy rights and create additional unfunded mandates for local governments, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the Governor and the State Legislative Delegation, the Federal Congressional Delegation, the Wisconsin Towns Association, and other Wisconsin towns.

For consideration by the Cato Town Board of Supervisors November 14, 2005:

Approved: November 14, 2005

Town Chairman

Supervisor #1

Attest:

Town Clerk

Supervisor #2