

# **Town of Holland Resolution No. 8-5-26**

## **“SAFE Resolution”**

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### **A Resolution Supporting the Use of Hand-Marked Paper Ballots, Encouraging In-Person Voting, and Limiting Reliance on Electronic Voting Systems to the Extent Permitted by Law**

**WHEREAS**, the Holland Town Board recognizes that public confidence in elections depends upon transparency, accuracy, security, and public trust; and

**WHEREAS**, the Holland Town Board has heard Board member and resident concerns regarding electronic voting machines including the inability to visually validate their votes due to barcodes generated by the electronic voting machines; and

**WHEREAS**, hand-marked paper ballots provide a durable record of voter intent that may be audited and recounted when authorized by law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Holland Town Board believes that voting in person, whenever reasonably practicable, promotes public confidence in elections by allowing voters to personally cast their ballots under the direct supervision of election officials while maintaining a clear chain of custody; and

**WHEREAS**, the Holland Town Board supports election procedures that maximize transparency while ensuring compliance with all applicable state and federal laws; and

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin election laws and federal law establish requirements governing the use of voting equipment, absentee voting, and accessible voting systems, which the Town continues to follow;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Board of the Town of Holland, Wisconsin, that:

1. The Holland Town Board declares its preference, whenever permitted by Wisconsin law, for the use of hand-marked paper ballots as the primary method of casting votes.
2. The Holland Town Board further declares its preference that electors vote in person whenever reasonably practicable, while recognizing that absentee voting remains a lawful option for qualified electors under Wisconsin law.
3. The Holland Town Board supports minimizing reliance on electronic vote equipment whenever such action is authorized by Wisconsin law and is consistent with all applicable state and federal legal requirements.
4. The Holland Town Board affirms that all elections conducted within the Town shall continue to comply with the Wisconsin Statutes, directives of the Wisconsin Elections Commission, and applicable federal law, including requirements for accessible voting equipment.
5. The Holland Town Board requests that the Town Clerk review election procedures before each election and advise the Board regarding any lawful opportunities to utilize hand-counted paper ballots, encourage in-person voting, or otherwise reduce dependence on electronic voting equipment while maintaining full legal compliance.

Adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2026.

**Town Chair**



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**Town Clerk**



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