

**RESOLUTION 2020-1**

RESOLUTION ALLOWING MEETINGS OF THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO MEET VIA REMOTE ACCESS, WITHOUT THE NEED FOR PHYSICAL PRESENCE IN A COMMON LOCATION, DURING A DECLARED EMERGENCY.

The Town Board of the Town of Washington, Vilas County, Wisconsin, by this resolution, adopted by a majority of the town board with a quorum present and voting and proper notice having been provided, resolved and orders as follows:

**WHEREAS**, with the detection and nationwide spread of a novel strain of coronavirus known as COVID-19, the World Health Organization has declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, and the United States Department of Health and Human Services has declared a Public Health Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2020, Wisconsin Governor, Evers declared a public health emergency in Wisconsin; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that it is necessary for the prevention and suppression of the COVID-19 disease to limit public gatherings; and

**THEREFORE**, during such time as state or federal officials have determined that it is necessary for the prevention and suppression of the COVID-19 disease to limit public gatherings, the town board shall be allowed to convene meetings for purposes of conducting local government business, through electronic or telephonic means. The town board shall take measures, consistent with existing statutory requirements and the March 16, 2020 advisory opinion by the Wisconsin Department of Justice regarding Coronavirus Disease 2019 and Open Meetings, to ensure that all such meetings are conducted in a manner that allows reasonable access to members of the public for purposes of monitoring the meeting.

Adopted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

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Town Chairman~ Jim Egan

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Town Clerk ~ Michele Sanborn