TOWN OF HUMBOLDT CHAPTER 22 ORDINANCE TO EXTEND TOWN OFFICER TERMS IN RESPONSE TO ELECTION LAW CHANGES

TOWN OF HUMBOLDT Ordinance to Extend Town Officer Terms In Response to Election Law Changes

Humboldt Code of Ordinances Chapter No.

Whereas, historically under Wisconsin Law §60.30(4) (b) the terms of office of elected town officers (other than elected assessors) have begun on the 2nd Tuesday in April;

Whereas town officers (other than assessors) elected in April 2012 and thereafter will now have their terms of office which cannot commence on the 2nd Tuesday in April due to recent State election law changes particularly those contained in 2011 Act 23;

Whereas those Act 23 law changes result in a week long "gap" between the end of the current terms of office for those town officers elected in either 2010 or 2011 and the start of the new terms of office for those officers elected in April 2012 or April 2013,

Whereas the unequivocal stated intent and purpose of the State Legislature as expressed Chapters 60 and 66 Wis. Stats is that the Town Board by its supervisors, chairperson and other elected officers continuously and without interruption exercise and administer those powers and perform those important duties granted by statutory and common law to the Town as a body corporate and politic to preserve and protect the health, safety, welfare and convenience of the community;

Whereas in addition the Town Board has been informed and believes that the State Legislature will soon act to expressly amend Section 60.30 (4)(b) and/or to otherwise expressly authorize the Town Board to enact this type of ordinance, in any case providing that the term of office of any Town elective officers who were originally elected or appointed to serve for terms expiring on the 2nd Tuesday in April 2012 or 2013 shall be extended to the 3rd Tuesday in April in the same year in which their terms would otherwise have expired;

Now therefore, be it hereby ordained by the Town of Humboldt Town Board, Brown County, that the terms of elected Town officers which shall expire after 11:59 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of April in either April 2012 or April 2013 shall be extended and shall not expire until the 3rd Tuesday in April of the same year in which those terms would otherwise have expired. This Ordinance shall be effective upon publication or posting by the Town Clerk as required, pursuant to §60.80, Wis. Stats.

Adopted this5 Brown County, Wisconsin:	day	of March	2012	by	the	Humboldt	Town	Board
Montal Danton Norbert Dantinne Jr. Town Chairperson		Attest:	1 1 1	1/1	1 1	Souls own Clerk	l	