To be filled out at the Precinct Caucus:

This resolution was: ___ Adopted ___ Defeated
by: ___ A voice vote. ___A recorded vote of: _____Yes _____No _____Abstain

(A majority consists of more than half of those voting, not counting blanks and abstentions.)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DFL Party units representing Bloomington endorse Ranked Choice Voting for Bloomington municipal elections.

Ranked Choice Voting
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RANKED CHOICE VOTING FOR BLOOMINGTON MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) has been in the DFL Party Platform since 2008 and has the strong support of DFL Party Chair Ken Martin and Governor Walz;

WHEREAS, RCV is used in Minneapolis, St. Paul and St. Louis Park and proven to be efficient and successful in all cities with the overwhelming majority of voters – across all age, gender, income and racial and ethnic groups – reporting that they:

- Ranked their ballots
- Find RCV simple to use
- Prefer it over the old system and want to see it expanded statewide

WHEREAS, voter turnout is trending significantly higher in RCV cities;

WHEREAS, In Bloomington, Ranked Choice Voting would eliminate the costly, low-turnout and unrepresentative local primary and give voters more choice in the high-turnout November election;

WHEREAS, Ranked Choice Voting is easy: instead of voting for just one candidate, you rank your choices in order of preference - 1, 2, 3, etc., knowing that if your 1st choice doesn’t have enough support to win, your ballot can count for your 2nd choice; if your 2nd choice is defeated, your ballot can count for your 3rd choice, and so on;

WHEREAS, under Ranked Choice Voting, ballots are counted in rounds, eliminating candidates with too few votes to win and reallocating their ballots based on those voters’ next choices until one candidate reaches the winning threshold or, in the case of multiple-seat elections, until all seats are filled;

WHEREAS, Ranked Choice Voting has been shown to:

- give voters more choice and open the political process to more voices
- encourage candidates to reach beyond their narrow base and build a broad coalition of support to win
- expand political participation by historically underrepresented communities, opening the political process to new voices
- reduce mudslinging and promote civil, issue-oriented campaigns
- eliminate “wasted” votes and the “spoiler” problem

WHEREAS, RCV helps reduce political polarization by requiring candidates to solve problem on behalf of a broad majority of voters, not just their base.

WHEREAS, RCV is supported by the League of Women Voters of Minnesota;

WHEREAS, RCV is expanding rapidly in states across the country, with RCV is use in nearly 20 cities, the State of Maine becoming the first state to use RCV statewide and NYC adopting RCV last year;

WHEREAS, Bloomington is one of several communities actively considering RCV for local elections in Minnesota;

WHEREAS, there is growing support among Bloomington residents and local officials for RCV for local elections;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the local DFL party unit representing Bloomington endorse Ranked Choice Voting for Bloomington municipal elections.