

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE COUNTY OF LA PORTE AND THE STATE OF INDIANA
CONCERNING THIS COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION AS A PILOT COUNTY IN THE DEVELOPMENT
OF INDIANA'S STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM**

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND COUNTY COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, The Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA)) has been enacted to create more reliable and efficient voter registration systems throughout the United States before January 1, 2006,

WHEREAS, With the participation of county voter registration officials and county election officials from throughout Indiana, the State of Indiana has adopted a Plan to establish a voter registration system that fulfills the requirements of HAVA;

WHEREAS, As part of the implementation of the voter registration system described by the Plan, the Secretary of State of Indiana and the Co-Directors of the Election Division are to designate certain counties to participate as "pilot counties" in the establishment of this system during 2005;

WHEREAS, This County has been selected as one of ten pilot counties to participate in the program from among more than fifty Indiana counties whose voter registration officials had expressed interest in participating; and

WHEREAS, This County's participation as a pilot county in the implementation of Indiana's new voter registration system will permit county voter registration and election officials to both receive valuable training in the use of the new system, and to offer valuable suggestions regarding the efficient and reliable operation of the new system, to the benefit of the voters of this County and the entire State,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE COUNTY OF LA PORTE, STATE OF INDIANA,**

**WITH THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF LA PORTE, STATE OF
INDIANA, CONCURRING:**

SECTION 1. This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into by and between the County of LA PORTE (“the County”) and the Secretary of State of the State of Indiana and the Co-Directors of the Election Division of the State of Indiana (“the State”).

SECTION 2. The County understands that the State intends to develop and maintain the voter registration system required by the Help America Vote Act of 2002 and that the County has been invited to participate as a pilot county in the development of this voter registration system.

SECTION 3. The County accepts this invitation to participate as a pilot county, and in doing so agrees to comply with the requirements of HAVA and state law.

SECTION 4. The County understands that to enable the County to participate as a pilot county it may be necessary for the State to install, test, maintain, and monitor certain technology and equipment in county facilities and property, specifically in the office of the circuit court clerk or board of registration of the County (“the county voter registration office”).

SECTION 5. The County understands that although the State is providing the technology and equipment referenced in SECTION 4 entirely at the cost of the State, that the County may incur incidental costs related to the State’s installation, testing, maintenance, of the technology and equipment in the county voter registration office. The County and the State expect these costs to be minimal, and to be outweighed by the benefits accruing to the County by its participation in the pilot county program.

SECTION 6. The County understands that as part of the pilot program, the county voter registration office will be required to regular report any such incidental costs to the County and the State

SECTION 7. Based on these understandings, and the mutual benefits accruing to them, the County and the State agree to the County’s participation in the pilot county program and to the sharing of the costs associated with this participation in accordance with the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding.

SECTION 8. The County directs its employees, offices, and agencies to provide assistance to the county voter registration office to facilitate the County’s successful participation in the pilot county program. The county voter registration office shall advise the County of assistance needed or requested under this SECTION.

SECTION 9. This Concurrent Resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board of County Commissioners and County Council, and remains in effect until December 31, 2005

SECTION 10. The Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by agreement of the County and State, and may be terminated only after either the County or the State files a document with the county voter registration office providing at least ninety (90) days notice of its intention to terminate the Memorandum.

ADOPTED, THIS THE 24th **DAY OF** JANUARY, **2005** :

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
COUNTY OF LA PORTE



President

MARLOW HARMON

Printed Name

THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE
COUNTY OF LA PORTE



President

JOHN W. JONES

Printed Name

ATTEST:

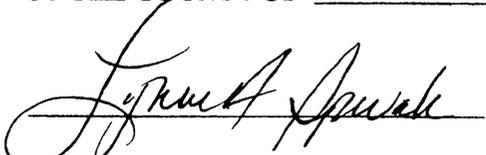


County Auditor

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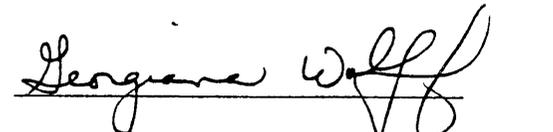
THE CIRCUIT COURT CLERK OR BOARD OF REGISTRATION

OF THE COUNTY OF LA PORTE, STATE OF INDIANA:


Circuit Court Clerk or Board Member

LYNNE F. SPEVAK

Printed Name


Board of Registration Member, if applicable

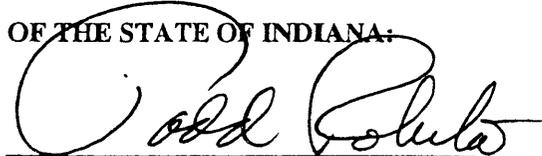
GEORGIANA WOLFF

Printed Name

AGREED, THIS THE 26th DAY OF January, 2005:

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

OF THE STATE OF INDIANA:



Todd Rokita

THE CO-DIRECTORS OF THE
ELECTION DIVISION OF THE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OF THE STATE OF INDIANA:


J. Bradley King


Kristi Robertson