

Village

of

Avoca

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To: Governor Kathy Hochul  
From: Mayor Eric R. Tyner  
Re: Voter Identification Resolution  
Date: August 10, 2023

Governor Hochul,

On August 10, 2023, the Village of Avoca Board of Trustees unanimously approved Resolution 2023-02 to urge the State of New York to develop and implement a Voter Identification System. The majority of the states in the U.S. require a voter's identification to increase the public's confidence and ensure a fair election process. In the State of New York, the requirement is to compare the signature on file, but this does not necessarily help maintain current voter registration as name and address changes are not necessarily communicated to the current process.

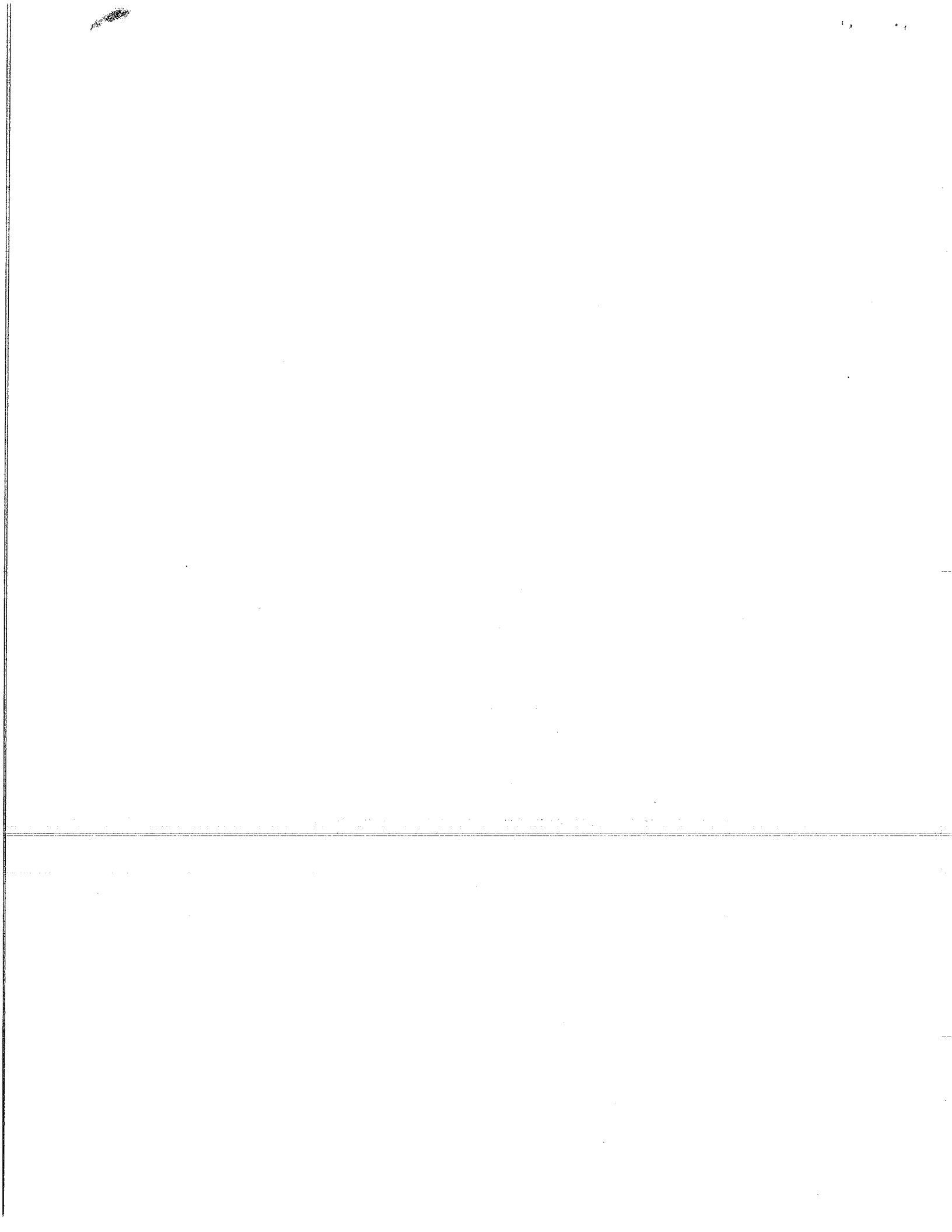
The Village of Avoca Board of Trustees hereby requests the New York State Legislature, working in conjunction with your office draft and enact legislation to allow for a voter's identification process to assist in maintaining voter registration rolls.

Therefore, the Village of Avoca Board of Trustees passed the attached resolution for you consideration and hopeful action.

Respectfully Submitted,



Eric R. Tyner, Mayor



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**VILLAGE OF AVOCA  
RESOLUTION 2023-02**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF AVOCA, urging the New York State Legislature and Governor Kathy Hochul to draft and enact legislation regarding a voter's identification process.

**WHEREAS**, this country was formed on the principals of democracy and our forefathers fought for our right to elect our representation; and

**WHEREAS**, the majority of the states in the U.S. require a voter's identification to increase the public's confidence and ensure a fair election process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Elections may not get notification of a voter registering in another location or of a death of a registered voter; and

**WHEREAS**, in an economy where the Board of Elections may not have sufficient funding or staffing to purge voter rolls or individuals who no longer live in each election district or county, as required; and

**WHEREAS**, in a day and age where the ability to work does not necessarily need to be where you live, this allows for more individuals to be transient in nature and the addition of voter's identification will assist in keeping all voter rolls current; and

**WHEREAS**, in the State of New York the requirement is to compare the signature on file, this does not necessarily help maintain current voter registration, as name and address changes are not necessarily communicated to the current process, also this would assist in the purging of the roles of individuals who are no longer active voters in that county; and

**WHEREAS**, the subject of the resolution is not an action as defined by 6 N.Y.C.R.R. 617.2 (b) and therefore no further SEQRA review if required.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE** Board of the Village of Avoca, Steuben County, New York, as follows:

**REQUESTED:** The Board of Trustees hereby requests the New York State Legislature and Governor Hochul to draft and enact legislation to allow for a voter's identification process to assist in maintaining voter registration rolls; and

**RESOLVED:** the Village Clerk is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to Governor Hochul, Andrea Stewart-Cousins, President Pro Tempore and Majority Leader, Carl E. Heastie, Speaker of the Assembly and the following members of the New York State Legislature, Senator Thomas O'Mara and Representative Philip Palmesano.

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The motion having been duly seconded, it was adopted and the following votes were cast:

<u>Name</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>Absent/ Abstain</u>
Mayor Eric R. Tyner	<u>ERT</u>	_____	_____
Trustee Andrew Hubbard	_____	_____	<u>ERT</u>
Trustee Lannie Gay	<u>LG</u>	_____	_____
Trustee Donald Rodbourn	<u>DR</u>	_____	_____
Trustee Marcia Rowe-Smalt	<u>MS</u>	_____	_____

Dated: August 10, 2023

By order of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Avoca, Steuben County, New York.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Village of Avoca caused this Resolution to be signed by its Village Clerk, and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed and attested by its own Village Clerk and to be dated as of the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023.

VILLAGE OF AVOCA

SEAL

By: Christine Haar  
Christine Haar, Village Clerk

ATTEST: Christine Haar  
Christine Haar, Village Clerk