### STATE OF MINNESOTA

## OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

The joint resolution for orderly annexation submitted by the City of Minnesota Lake and Danville Township was reviewed for conformity with applicable law. The undersigned Assistant Chief Administrative Law Judge, acting under a delegation from the Chief Administrative Law Judge, hereby makes and files the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. A joint resolution for orderly annexation was adopted by the City of Minnesota

  Lake and Danville Township pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 414.0325 and duly filed with the

  Office of Administrative Hearings-Municipal Boundary Adjustments.
- 2. A joint resolution adopted and submitted by the City of Minnesota Lake and Danville Township, requests annexation of part of the designated area described as follows:

The Southerly 429.0 feet of the East one-half (1/2) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section Thirty-three (33), Township One Hundred Five (105) North, Range Twenty-five (25) West, Blue Earth County, Minnesota.

and

The West 33.0 feet of the Southerly 429.0 feet of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4 SW 1/4) of Section Thirty-four (34) Township One Hundred Five (105) North, Range Twenty-five (25) West, Blue Earth County, Minnesota.

- 3. Minnesota Statutes §414.0325, subd. 1(h) states that in certain circumstances the Chief Administrative Law Judge may review and comment, but shall within 30 days order the annexation pursuant to the terms of a joint resolution for orderly annexation.
- 4. The joint resolution contains all the information required by Minnesota Statutes §414.0325, subd. 1(h), including a provision that the Chief Administrative Law Judge may review and comment but shall order the annexation within 30 days in accordance with the terms of the joint resolution.

# **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. The Office of Administrative Hearings has duly acquired and now has jurisdiction of the within proceeding.
- 2. An order should be issued by the Assistant Chief Administrative Law Judge annexing the area described herein.

### ORDER

- 1. The property described in Findings of Fact 2 is annexed to the City of Minnesota Lake, the same as if it had originally been made a part thereof.
- 2. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §414.036, no reimbursement shall be made to the Township of Danville by the City of Minnesota Lake in accordance with the terms of the Joint Resolution signed by the City on and Township on April 8, 2009.
- 3. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §414.035, the City of Minnesota Lake and Danville Township agree that the tax rate of the City on the areas annexed shall be increased in substantially equal portions over not more than five years to equality with the tax rate on the

property already within the City. The appropriate period may be shortened based on the time reasonably required to effectively provide municipal services to the annexed areas.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009.

For the Assistant Chief Administrative Law Judge P. O. Box 64620 St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620

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**Executive Director** 

Municipal Boundary Adjustments