

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2000, the Office of Strategic and Long Range Planning received a joint resolution from the City of Cologne and the Town of Benton designating approximately 431.2 acres for orderly annexation (MBA Docket No. OA-734); and

WHEREAS, said joint resolution, by its terms, requires a hearing on the annexation of any part of the designated area pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 414.0325, subd. 2; and

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2001, a resolution by the City of Cologne was received for the annexation of approximately 120 acres of the area designated for annexation by the joint resolution contained in MBA Docket No. OA-734 (MBA Docket No. OA-734-1); and

WHEREAS, on January 18, 2001, the Director of the Office of Strategic and Long Range Planning accepted the joint resolution for orderly annexation (MBA Docket No. OA-734); and

WHEREAS, a hearing was scheduled for April 30, 2001 on the resolution for annexation of the City of Cologne (MBA Docket No.OA-734-1); and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2001, the Director of the Office of Strategic and Long Range Planning invoked the authority under Minnesota Statutes Section 414.01, subd. 16, requiring local units of government to meet to discuss possible resolution of contested matters prior to a hearing; and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2001, the Office of Strategic and Long Range Planning received a joint resolution by the City of Cologne and the Town of Benton agreeing to waive the hearing required by Minnesota Statutes Section 414.0325, subd. 2 for MBA Docket No. OA-734-1 only; and

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2001, the Director of the Office of Strategic and Long Range Planning accepted the joint resolution with the hearing waiver for orderly annexation of MBA Docket No. OA-734-1 and cancelled the hearing scheduled for April 30, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Sec. 414.0325, 414.11, and 414.12 state that in certain circumstances the Director of the Office of Strategic and Long Range Planning may review and comment, but shall within 30 days order the annexation of land pursuant to said statutory sections; and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: That the following described property is hereby annexed in accordance with the terms of the resolution to the City of Cologne, Minnesota, the same as if it had originally been made a part thereof:

The West Half of the Southeast Quarter and the West Half of the East Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 11, Township 115 North,

Range 25 West, Carver County, Minnesota.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: That the effective date of this order is April 24,
2001.

Dated this 7th day of May, 2001.

For the Director of the Office of Strategic
and Long Range Planning
658 Cedar Street, Room 300
St. Paul, MN 55155

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Christine M. Scotillo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Christine M. Scotillo
Executive Director
Municipal Boundary Adjustments