RESOLUTION No. 2025-33

OPPOSE TOWNSHIP CONSOLIDATION INTO COUNTY GOVERNMENT

SANTA ANNA TOWNSHIP DeWitt, County , Illinois.

Whereas **SB 2504**, **SB 2217** and **HB 2515,** introduced by the 113th Illinois General Assembly in March 2025 is asking for the consolidation of township government.

WHEREAS The Board of Township Trustees of the Township of SANTA ANNA in the County of DeWitt is opposed to these initiatives and recognizes that Townships in Illinois provide many services outside of the three statutory obligations of road and bridge maintenance, property assessment and general assistance; and

WHERAS, The Board Trustees of Township Trustees of the Township of SANTA ANNA recognize the following:

The legislation does not consider that over 72,000 miles of roads are maintained by road districts in Illinois and approximately 12,000 bridges; and

That current state law exists that allows a township to consolidate if the initiative is brought with voter approval; and

Past attempts like those provided for in this legislation have failed in Illinois; and

The research has proven that such attempts result in increased costs overall for local government; and

Township Government has the lowest debt and expense per capital in local government and taxpayers; and

WHEREAS the Township of SANTA ANNA in the County of DeWitt will only support any statewide effort of township consolidation if valid cost impact analysis is completed and proof that the level of services provided will remain.

This would eliminate many community-based services that are important to the public.

PASSED THIS 11th day of March 2025 by then The Township Board of Trustees duly assembled at the SANTA ANNA Township, DeWitt County, Illinois.

TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR *TOWNSHIP CLERK*