# <u>RESOLUTION TO APPROVE</u> <u>THE CHARTER REVISION REFERENDUM QUESTIONS</u>

### THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES:

<u>SECTION 1.</u> That the following resolution approved by the Town Council on January 15, 2009 shall be submitted to a referendum vote on the voting machines or the ballot by electors of the Town in conjunction with the municipal election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2009 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. (E.S.T.):

The Town of Montville Hereby Resolves to approve the draft Charter and proposed Charter amendments, as submitted in the final report by the Charter Revision Commission on January 6, 2009, except that the following amendments to the Charter that are shown in the final report are hereby rejected:

In the new provisions in Section 314, the phrase: "up to three business days before a regular or special meeting of the Town Council, or may be added to the agenda of regular meetings by a two-thirds majority vote."

The new Sections 409 [relating to Commission of the Aging], 410 [relating to Economic Development Commission], 411 [relating to Youth Advisory Board], 412 [relating to Zoning Board of Appeals Panel of Alternates], 413 [relating to Building Code of Appeals], 414 [relating to Gardner's Lake Authority], 415 [relating to Housing Authority] and 415A [relating to Uncas Health District].

In the new Section 604, the sentence: "The Tax Assessor shall abide by all decisions of the Board of Assessment Appeals until the next town-wide revaluation of properties, or until verifiable changes are made to properties that received a decision on their assessment by the Board of Assessment Appeals."

<u>SECTION 2.</u> That the polling places used by the Town for the municipal election shall be utilized for purposes of the referendum vote on the voting machines or the ballots. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's Office.

<u>SECTION 3.</u> That the resolution approved above shall be placed upon the voting machines or the ballot under three questions, as authorized under Section 7-191(f) of the General Statutes, as follows:

### QUESTION 1:

"SHALL THE TOWN CHARTER BE AMENDED TO CREATE THE APPOINTED POSITION OF TOWN MANAGER, REMOVE THE ELECTED POSITION OF MAYOR AND MAKE RELATED CHANGES TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL, INCLUDING CREATING A NEW POSITION OF A MAYOR THAT IS A MEMBER OF THE TOWN COUNCIL?

YES NO"

Voters approving the question will vote "Yes" and those opposing the question will vote "No".

**QUESTION 2:** 

"SHALL THE TOWN CHARTER BE AMENDED TO ABOLISH THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION, ESTABLISH A BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS AND A BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS AND ADD NEW CHARTER SECTIONS RELATING TO THE MUNICIPAL ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER AND EMERGENCY DISPATCHERS?

YES

NO"

Voters approving the question will vote "Yes" and those opposing the question will vote "No".

**QUESTION 3**:

"SHALL THE TOWN CHARTER BE AMENDED TO COMBINE THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION WITH THE INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION, GIVE TOWN BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND OTHER AGENCIES THE RIGHT TO HIRE CERTAIN PERSONNEL NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THEIR FUNCTIONS SUBJECT TO BUDGETARY FUNDING AND TOWN COUNCIL APPROVAL, REQUIRE THAT THE TAKING OF PROPERTY BY EMINENT DOMAIN BE APPROVED BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AND A MAJORITY VOTE AT A REFERENDUM AND MAKE GRAMMATICAL, TECHNICAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER CHANGES AND CLARIFICATIONS?

YES

NO"

Voters approving the question will vote "Yes" and those opposing the question will vote "No".

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The full copy of the Charter (based on the adoption of all three questions), a blacklined copy of the Charter (based on the adoption of all three questions and blacklined to show all changes from the existing Charter), the minutes of the January 15, 2009 meeting of the Town Council and the Final Report of the Charter Revision Commission dated January 6, 2009, are on file and available for public inspection at the Town Clerk's Office. The Explanatory Text for the questions and a detailed list of the Sections of the Charter to be modified by each question will be on file and available for public inspection at the Town Clerk's Office. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's Office.

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# RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PREPARATION OF AN EXPLANATORY TEXT FOR THE CHARTER REVISION REFERENDUM QUESTIONS

THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES that the Town shall prepare and print a concise, explanatory text, in substantially the form of <u>Schedule A</u> to this resolution, and the Town Clerk is authorized to prepare additional explanatory materials, of the following questions which, by vote of the Town Council, have been submitted to a Referendum vote on the voting machines or the ballot of the Town, said explanatory text and explanatory materials to be prepared in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 9-369b, which text and materials shall not advocate either the approval or disapproval of the questions:

## QUESTION 1:

"SHALL THE TOWN CHARTER BE AMENDED TO CREATE THE APPOINTED POSITION OF TOWN MANAGER, REMOVE THE ELECTED POSITION OF MAYOR AND MAKE RELATED CHANGES TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL, INCLUDING CREATING A NEW POSITION OF A MAYOR THAT IS A MEMBER OF THE TOWN COUNCIL?

YES NO"

QUESTION 2:

"SHALL THE TOWN CHARTER BE AMENDED TO ABOLISH THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION, ESTABLISH A BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS AND A BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS AND ADD NEW CHARTER SECTIONS RELATING TO THE MUNICIPAL ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER AND EMERGENCY DISPATCHERS?

YES NO"

#### **QUESTION 3**:

"SHALL THE TOWN CHARTER BE AMENDED TO COMBINE THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION WITH THE INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION, GIVE TOWN BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND OTHER AGENCIES THE RIGHT TO HIRE CERTAIN PERSONNEL NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THEIR FUNCTIONS SUBJECT TO BUDGETARY FUNDING AND TOWN COUNCIL APPROVAL, REQUIRE THAT THE TAKING OF PROPERTY BY EMINENT DOMAIN BE APPROVED BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AND A MAJORITY VOTE AT A REFERENDUM AND MAKE GRAMMATICAL, TECHNICAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER CHANGES AND CLARIFICATIONS?

YES

NO"

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# RESOLUTION TO APPROVETHE DETAILED LIST OF CHARTER SECTIONS TO BE MODIFIEDBY THE CHARTER REVISION REFERENDUM QUESTIONS

THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES that the attached detailed list of the Sections of the Charter to be modified by each question, in the form of <u>Schedule A</u> to this resolution, be approved and be available for public inspection at the Town Clerk's Office.

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