

**VILLAGE BOARD RESOLUTION
VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA**

November 5, 2025

**Providing That Village of Canastota General Village Election Shall Be Moved
to November and Occur on the Same Date as the General Election
Subject to Mandatory Referendum**

Trustee Haddad introduced this Resolution providing that Village of Canastota “general village election,” as that term is defined in the New York State Election Law shall be moved from March to the same date as the November “general election,” as that term is defined in the New York State Election Law, starting in 2026, and made the following motion, which was seconded by Trustee Torrey :

WHEREAS, historically, the Village of Canastota has held its general village election in March; and

WHEREAS, the conducting of general village elections was transferred to the County Board of Elections, the local board charged with this responsibility and the entity best positioned to conduct elections in a professional and efficient manner, such that the County Board of Elections will conduct the general village elections henceforward; and

WHEREAS, the Village is in receipt of a letter from the County Board of Elections requesting that the Village move its general village election from March to the date of the November general election to consolidate elections and alleviate some of the logistical challenges for this Board; and

WHEREAS, in response to said request, the Village now seeks to move the date of the general village election from March to the date of the November general election, starting in 2026, to save the Village the costs of holding a separate election, to improve convenience for voters and to potentially increase voter turnout; and

WHEREAS, no other agency has the legal authority or jurisdiction to approve or directly undertake the adoption of a resolution in the Village of Canastota, such that there are no other involved agencies within the meaning of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) with respect to the proposed Resolution, with the result that the Village Board shall act as lead agency in this matter; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of said Resolution is an unlisted action for purposes of environmental review under SEQR; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has determined that a short environmental assessment form (EAF) shall be required in connection with this matter; and

WHEREAS, the said EAF has been prepared and has been reviewed by the Village Board; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has considered the adoption of said Resolution, has considered the criteria contained in 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Part 617.7 and has compared the impacts which may be reasonably expected to result from the adoption of said Resolution against said criteria.

NOW THEREFORE, it is

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that the adoption of said Resolution is an unlisted action, there are no other involved agencies and this Board shall act as lead agency in this matter for purposes of SEQR review; and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, the Village Board has determined this action shall have no significant adverse impact on the environment; that, accordingly, an environmental impact statement (EIS) shall not be required; and that this Resolution shall constitute a negative declaration under SEQR; and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that in accordance with New York State Village Law § 9-912(2)(d) and Election Law § 15-104(1)(a), the Village Board of the Village of Canastota hereby determines that general village election shall be moved from March to November, to be held on the same day as the general election, starting in 2026; and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that this Resolution is subject to mandatory referendum as provided by Article 9 of the New York State Village Law and Article 15 of the New York State Election Law; and it is further,

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, that a proposition with respect to moving the general village election from March to the November general election shall appear on the ballot at a special election to be held on December 16, 2025; and it is further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, the language of such proposition shall be substantially similar to the following:

Should the month of the General Village Election for the Village of Canastota be changed from March to November, and be held on the Tuesday in November when the General Election for Federal, State and Local Elections are held as set by the applicable authorities?

The question of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote and, upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Doug Gustin	Trustee	Voted	Yes/No
Bill Haddad	Trustee	Voted	Yes/No
Lori Torrey	Trustee	Voted	Yes/No
Jeff Watkins	Trustee	Voted	Yes/No Abs
Rosanne Warner	Mayor	Voted	Yes/No

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

DATED: November 5, 2025