## POLICY RESOLUTION #9 - Jonathan Association Board of Directors

**DATE:** August 9, 2011

**RE:** Conducting Board Elections via Mail Ballots

## While acknowledging that:

- 1. Article 7 (Board of Directors) of the Articles of Incorporation states that "...at each annual meeting the members shall elect three directors for a term of three years"; and,
- 2. Article 5-Section 2 (Meeting of Members) of the By Laws states that "...at each annual meeting the members shall elect three directors for a term of three years"; and,
- 3. Article 6-Section 2 (Election of Directors) of the By Laws states that "election to the Board of Directors shall be by secret written ballot"; and,

## *In addition to reaffirming that:*

- 4. Mail ballot procedures in accordance with MN Statutes # 317A.447 have been applied to Jonathan Association Board elections since 2007; and,
- 5. Legal counsel David G. Hellmuth on 3-15-07, stated that the By Laws of the Jonathan Association do not prohibit the use of mail ballots in a Board election; and,
- 6. Mail ballots encourage more (not less) participation of members in elections; and,
- 7. Mail ballots guarantee that "election to the Board shall be by secret written ballot"; and,
- 8. Mail ballots do not prevent the nomination of any Board candidate(s) by the Nominating Committee prior to the annual meeting, nor do they prevent the nomination of any Board candidate(s) from the floor during the annual meeting; and,
- 9. The use of mail ballots does not prevent the election of any nominated candidate(s);

The Jonathan Association Board of Directors, on and from this day (08-09-2011) forward resolves that the use of mail ballot procedures acts in the best interest of the Association.

Kelly Cutler – Secretary, Jonathan Board of Directors	Date	