TOWNSHIP OF KEENE, IONIA COUNTY, MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION TO ADOPT 2026 POVERTY EXEMPTION GUIDELINES AND ASSET TEST

Resolution # 1-13-26 C

WHEREAS, the principal residence of persons who, in the judgment of the Supervisor and Board of Review, by reason of poverty, are unable to contribute toward the public charges is eligible for exemption in whole or in part from taxation under MCL 211.7u; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board is required by MCL 211.7u to annually adopt guidelines for poverty exemptions, including an income test and an asset test;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Board hereby adopts the **2026 Poverty Exemption Policy and Guidelines**, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, which shall include:

1. **Income Standards:** Household income levels not lower than the 2026 Federal Poverty Guidelines.
2. **Asset Test:** A maximum asset level as defined in the attached policy.
3. **Application Process:** Requirement for applicants to file Form 5737 (Application for Poverty Exemption) and Form 4988 (Poverty Exemption Affidavit) if no tax return was filed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Review shall follow the guidelines in Exhibit A when granting a 100%, 75%, 50%, or 25% reduction in taxable value for the 2026 tax year.

Motion by: _H. Melton_

Supported by: _C. Hendrick_

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: C. Hendrick S. Smiley, H. Melton, W. Pflugradt

NAYS: None

ABSENT: N. Wolff

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

CERTIFICATION:
I, Holli Melton], the duly elected Clerk of Keene Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board at a meeting held on January 13], 2026.

Holli Melton, Township Clerk *Holli Melton*

Instructions for Exhibit A

Clip the specific income and asset sheets prepared by your assessor to this resolution and label them "Exhibit A." To be valid for 2026, ensure Exhibit A contains the mandatory 2026 Federal Poverty Guidelines: