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From the Director, Office of Emergency Management, recommending the Governor and Wisconsin State Legislature allocate \$7 million annually for counties to upgrade local 911 centers to begin the Next Generation 911 transition with funding through the existing Police and Fire Protection Fee, by recommending adoption of the following:

A REVISED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, modernizing the State of Wisconsin's (the State) 911 system has been a priority for local governments, Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs), law enforcement, and the telecommunications industry since the early 2000s; and

WHEREAS, technology exists with Next Generation 911 (NG911) for automatic call routing, sending the caller to the correct 911 center immediately while also implementing smartphone device emergency location services for accurate identification of the caller's location; and

WHEREAS, the 2017-2019 State biennial budget provided \$6.7 million in funding for creation of a statewide Emergency Services Internet Protocol network (ESInet), which is the first step in the transition to a digital NG911 system; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Interoperability Council's "Wisconsin Statewide NG911 Plan" approximates the total cost of a statewide ESInet by AT&T to be \$12.5 million, or 18-cents per capita, and the current biennial allocation is \$6.7 million, which is roughly half the amount needed; and

WHEREAS, the ESInet allows many of the NG911 features to be implemented, connecting local 911 PSAPs, and allowing immediate back-up in the event of call center saturation or complete shutdown; and

WHEREAS, once the ESInet is operational, local PSAPs will require NG911 capable equipment to connect to the digital system; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Emergency Management's 911 Communications Center currently has NG911 capable equipment, but many of the 139 statewide PSAPs do not, as the average equipment cost is \$250,000 with ongoing maintenance costs; and

WHEREAS, funding for 911 from the State has not existed in over a decade; and

WHEREAS, the State currently has a fund, the Police and Fire Protection Fee (the Fee), implemented in 2009 by the passing of Section 196.025(6), Wisconsin State Statutes, which was originally intended to fund county PSAP upgrades; and

46 WHEREAS, revenue from the Fee is deposited in the State's general fund as
47 shared revenue payments to counties, cities, towns, and villages in the form of
48 unrestricted aid; and

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50 WHEREAS, the redistribution of the Fee as shared revenue is not directly
51 supporting 911 service; and

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53 WHEREAS, in 2015, the collected Fee represented roughly \$52 million; and

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55 WHEREAS, an October, 2018, joint report to the United States Congress titled
56 "NG911 Cost Estimate" by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and
57 National Telecommunications and Information Administration estimates a ten-year set-
58 up and migration cost of NG911 to be approximately \$1,500 million dollars for Federal
59 Emergency Management Agency Region V (Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois,
60 Indiana, Ohio); and

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62 WHEREAS, a further cost breakdown for the State is \$291.7 million over ten
63 years, with an annual estimated cost of \$19.7 million for all Wisconsin PSAPs; and

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65 WHEREAS, the Committee on Intergovernmental Relations, at its meeting of
66 January 24, 2019, recommended adoption of File No. 18-879 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

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68 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board)
69 hereby urges the Governor and Wisconsin State Legislature to allocate \$7 million
70 annually for counties to upgrade local 911 centers to begin the Next Generation 911
71 transition; and

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73 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board hereby requests that the \$7
74 million for county Public Safety Answering Point upgrades should be funded through the
75 existing Police and Fire Protection Fee.

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