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May 7, 2015

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Hon. Joseph Morelle
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Hon. Robin Schimminger
Hon. Michael P. Kearns
Hon. Jane L. Corwin
Hon. Raymond W. Walter
Hon. Sean M. Ryan

Re: Resolution adopted by Lancaster Town Board

Ladies/Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a copy of a resolution adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Lancaster on May 4, 2015.

This resolution requests that the State of New York appropriately disburse the funds collected through the public safety communications surcharge as laid out in Bill S2963/A3561 (2015).

Sincerely yours,
OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

Johanna M. Coleman, Town Clerk

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THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED
BY SUPERVISOR FUDOLI, WHO
MOVED ITS ADOPTION, SECONDED BY
COUNCIL MEMBER RUFFINO, TO WIT:

WHEREAS, 911 is a critical component for citizens of Erie County and the delivery of Police and Emergency Services and traditional landline phones are accurate with the exact location for emergency calls, and

WHEREAS, more people are now calling 911 from cell phones with over 492,615 wireless calls being made in 2014 to Erie County 911 Center and in an emergency, every minute and second counts when an attempt is made to get Phase 2 location information, and

WHEREAS, the 911 center asks the network for the phones actual location that is Phase 2, and even after multiple re-bids or re-transits to the cell carriers for better information, it is impossible to get an exact location when trying to locate the emergency which can be inaccurate or at times doesn't give the location at all, and

WHEREAS, every cell phone subscriber in New York State pays $1.20 to Albany each month which was intended to support counties and their endeavor to update and maintain their development of next generation 911 technology, the consolidation of current 911 services, and improvements to public safety communication systems across the State, and

WHEREAS, Erie County estimates cell phone subscribers in Erie County paid approximately $8.8 million to Albany in 2014 through this surcharge, and surcharge funds collected in 2012 throughout New York State were in excess of $200 million with less than $10 million being disbursed to County level 911 services, and

WHEREAS, according to the FCC, New York State was one of six states in 2013 to divert funding from a 911 surcharge account for unrelated purposes and this improper distribution is hampering public safety in Erie County and throughout Western New York.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT
RESOLVED, that the Association of Erie County Governments requests that the State of New York appropriately disburse the funds collected through the public safety communications surcharge as laid out in Bill S2963/A3561 (2015), and

BE IT FURTHER,
RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to Honorable Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Honorable Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos, Majority Leader of Independent Democratic Caucus Jeff Klein, Honorable Senate Minority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Honorable Speaker of the Assembly Carl E. Heastie, Honorable Majority Leader of the Assembly Joseph Morelle, Honorable Minority Leader of the Assembly Brian Kolb, and the Western New York Delegation, including Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz and the Erie County Legislature.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

COUNCIL MEMBER ABRAHAM	VOTED	YES
COUNCIL MEMBER RUFFINO	VOTED	YES
COUNCIL MEMBER STEMPNIAK	VOTED	YES
SUPERVISOR FUDOLI	VOTED	YES

May 4, 2015

State of New York
County of Erie } ss:
Town of Lancaster

This is to certify that I, Johanna M. Coleman, Town Clerk and Registrar of Vital Statistics of the Town of Lancaster in the said County of Erie, have compared the foregoing copy of a resolution with the original thereof filed in my office at Lancaster, New York, which was adopted by the Town Board on the 4th day of May 2015 and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said original, and of the whole thereof.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Town this 7th day of May 2015.

Seal

Clerk of the Town Board
and Registrar of Vital Statistics