

## **A RESOLUTION**

A resolution of the County of \_\_\_\_\_, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, urging the Pennsylvania General Assembly to increase the 911 surcharge to \$2.20 and support ongoing investments and statutory updates necessary for the implementation and sustainability of Next Generation 911 (NG911) systems across the Commonwealth.

**WHEREAS**, the top priority for Pennsylvania counties in 2026 is ensuring sustainable, adequate funding for 911 systems and advancing NG911 capabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2015, the General Assembly approved legislation that became Act 12, a comprehensive rewrite of the 911 Public Safety Emergency Telephone Act; and

**WHEREAS**, Act 12 included improvements to 911 system administration, respecting counties' role as providers of the system while balancing the broader interests of coordination statewide, and working toward a sustainable and equitable fee and attendant financing structure; and

**WHEREAS**, the current primary funding source supporting 911 service in Pennsylvania is a \$1.95 surcharge levied on communications services capable of two-way communication to a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) such as wireline or wireless telephone service; and

**WHEREAS**, Act 12 has been remarkably successful, creating a solid partnership between PEMA and the counties in enhancing this critical service and in positioning us to take advantage of the promises of Next Generation technologies; and

**WHEREAS**, under counties' stewardship, Pennsylvania's 911 system is one of the best managed and up-to-date systems in the nation, the fewest PSAPs per capita among large states, and a commitment to moving toward Next Generation 911 technologies; and

**WHEREAS**, the current funding structure covers only \_\_\_\_\_ percent of \_\_\_\_\_ County's cost to provide this vital service, with the remainder drawn from County property tax revenues; and

**WHEREAS**, without an adjustment to the surcharge and continued statutory updates, counties will face increasing financial strain, potentially shifting more costs to local taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS**, there is an immediate need to ensure that funding levels reflect the true cost of maintaining and advancing NG911 systems statewide;

**RESOLVED**, that \_\_\_\_\_ County joins with the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania in advocating for an increase in the 911 surcharge from \$1.95 to \$2.20 to better reflect the cost of providing critical emergency communication services; and

**RESOLVED**, that \_\_\_\_\_ County supports legislative and statutory updates necessary to advance and sustain Next Generation 911 systems across the Commonwealth; and

**RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the \_\_\_\_\_ County legislative delegation, to Governor Shapiro, and to the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania.

**ADOPTED** by the Board of Commissioners of the County of \_\_\_\_\_, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS/  
COUNTY COUNCIL

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