LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION REQUESTING STATEWIDE 911 SERVICES AND ENHANCED PREPAID WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE CHARGE BE PLACED ON THE INDIANA GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

- WHEREAS, pursuant to I.C. 36-2-3.5, et. seq., the Lake County Council is the fiscal and legislative body of Lake County, Indiana; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to I.C. 36-2-3.5-5, the Lake County Council may pass all ordinances, orders, resolutions and motions for the Government of Lake County, Indiana; and
- WHEREAS, Indiana Code 36-8-16.6-11 imposes a 911 service prepaid wireless charge on each retail transaction of One Dollar (\$1); the Statewide 911 Board may increase the charge only one (1) time after April 30, 2023 and before July 1, 2026 in an amount not to exceed ten cents (\$0.10); and
- WHEREAS, Indiana Code 36-8-16.7-32 imposes a monthly statewide 911 fee on each standard user that is a customer having a place of primary use in Indiana of One Dollar (\$1); the Statewide 911 Board may increase the fee only one (1) time after April 30, 2023 and before July 1, 2026, in an amount not to exceed ten cents (\$0.10); and
- WHEREAS, the Statewide 911 Board makes distributions to county treasurers which provides for the property development, operation and maintenance of a statewide 911 system; and
- WHEREAS, it is vitally important to public safety that all Americans have access to emergency systems; and
- WHEREAS, 911 services have grown both in geographic scope and in the level of service provided. The revenue used to fund 911 services consists almost entirely of fees and surcharges on wireline, wireless, and Voice-over-Internet-Protocol telephone lines. These fees and surcharges generate billions of dollars each year, but 911 service revenues still fall short of estimated annual costs. Expenditures for personnel and for technology maintenance and upgrades have also increased over time; and
- WHEREAS, the Lake County Council is in favor of increasing the 911 fees to Two Dollars (\$2) and requests the proposed increase be placed on the Indiana General Assembly's legislative agenda.
- NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the Lake County Council requests that the proposed increase of Two Dollars (\$2) of statewide 911 fees and enhanced prepaid wireless telecommunication service charges be placed on the Indiana General Assembly's legislative agenda.

SO RESOLVED THIS 9TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025.

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