

RESOLUTION NO. 79-2018-2020

TO: THE HONORABLE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE PORTAGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

RE: URGING SUPPORT FOR HOUSE RESOLUTION 5429 AS WELL AS SENATE RESOLUTION 2830, KNOWN AS THE SIREN ACT OF 2018.

WHEREAS, U.S. Representative Sean Duffy (WI) and others introduced House Resolution (HR) 5429 which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, while the companion Senate Resolution (SR) 2830 was introduced and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, both of which reauthorizes the rural emergency medical services training and equipment assistance program under section 330J of the Public Health Service Act, also known as the SIREN Act of 2018; and

WHEREAS, HR 5429 and SR 2830 would authorize the appropriation of \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2018 through 2022 by the federal government. These funds would be used to help support recruitment, retention, training, certification, educating, and equipping rural emergency medical services (EMS) personnel; and

WHEREAS, EMS is the vital pre-hospital link in the healthcare continuum, and without it people would suffer unnecessary and avoidable disability, suffering, and death; and

WHEREAS, rural EMS agencies, who provide lifesaving services, have suffered from declining recruitment, retention, and funding issues for many years, while maintaining the same level of certification and training requirements as personnel serving suburban and urban areas; and

WHEREAS, Portage County is characterized as supplying rural EMS to the citizens and visitors of the County, and thus may be eligible for a portion of these funds to support the County's EMS system.

FISCAL NOTE: There are no fiscal obligations for the County associated with this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Portage County Board of Supervisors does hereby support the passage of HR 5429 in the U.S. House of Representatives and SR 2830 in the U.S. Senate.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Portage County Board of Supervisors directs the County Clerk to forward this resolution to all of the members of the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate who represent the State of Wisconsin, as well as the Wisconsin Counties Association for their use as they see fit.


DATED THIS 20TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2018.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

PORTAGE COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OVERSIGHT BOARD

Date: October 18, 2018

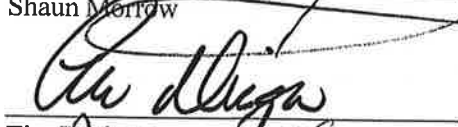

Don Jankowski – Chair


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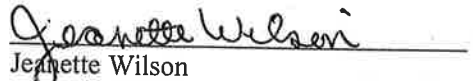

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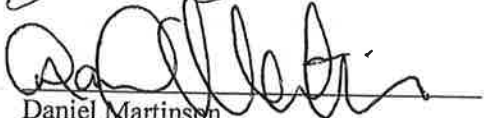
Date: October 24, 2018


Stan Potocki – Chair


Don Jankowski – Vice Chair


James Zdroik

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Dale O'Brien


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