

1 **2018 RES-330**

2 **FUNDING FOR NEXT GENERATION 911 UPGRADES**

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

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8 WHEREAS, the 2017-19 state biennial budget provided funding for creation of a statewide
9 emergency services IP network (ESInet), which is the first step in the transition to a digital Next
10 Generation 911 (NG911) system; and

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12 WHEREAS, a NG911 system utilizes advancements in technology to improve communication
13 with 911 operators and provides greater efficiency in assisting individuals in crisis; and

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15 WHEREAS, once the ESInet is operational, local 911 centers (PSAPs) will require NG911
16 capable equipment to connect to the digital system; and

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18 WHEREAS, currently very few PSAPs have the equipment necessary to utilize the ESInet and
19 transition from analog to digital systems; and

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21 WHEREAS, the average cost for the necessary equipment upgrades will exceed \$250,000 per
22 county in addition to ongoing maintenance costs; and

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24 WHEREAS, while the state has provided grant funding for counties in the past to upgrade local
25 PSAPs, state funding has not existed in over a decade; and

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27 WHEREAS, the state currently has a fund—the Police and Fire Protection Fee—whose original
28 intent was to fund county PSAP upgrades; and

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30 WHEREAS, revenue from the Police and Fire Protection Fee is deposited in the state’s general
31 fund and has never been utilized for its intended purpose.

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33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Dane County does hereby urge the Governor and
34 Wisconsin State Legislature to allocate \$7 million annually for counties to upgrade local 911
35 centers to begin the NG911 transition; and

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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the \$7 million for county PSAP upgrades should be funded
38 through the existing Police and Fire Protection Fee.