



Resolution

No. 2020-50

Create Financial Incentives for Volunteer Emergency Responders

WHEREAS, Bayfield County is a very rural county with less than 10 people per square mile, and

WHEREAS, a large portion of the Ambulance, Emergency Medical and Fire Response individuals in the county are volunteers, and

WHEREAS, increasingly, rural areas are having more and more difficulty in recruiting and retaining volunteer emergency responders, resulting in longer response times, and

WHEREAS, increasingly, neighboring services are called upon to respond to emergency situations because of the shortage of local volunteers, and

WHEREAS, Bills AB 142 and SB 135 in the 2019-2020 Legislative session would have created non-refundable tax credits for volunteer emergency responders, and

WHEREAS, the proposed first tax credit would be \$20 for each hour a volunteer spends on active duty or in training. The second credit for each volunteer would be the amount of their unreimbursed expenses. The maximum amount a volunteer could claim in a year is \$1,000 and \$400 respectively.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 26th day of May 2020, requests that the Wisconsin County Association support legislation making volunteering more attractive and financially affordable for volunteer emergency responders.

By Action of the
Bayfield County Board of Supervisors

Dennis M. Pocernich, *Chair*

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF BAYFIELD)

I, Scott S. Fibert, *Bayfield County Clerk*, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Volume 27, adopted by the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors at their meeting held on the 26th of May 2020.

Scott S. Fibert, *Bayfield County Clerk*