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3 **Resolution Supporting Legislation Encouraging Regionalization of Emergency Medical**
4 **Services and Incentivizing Emergency Medical Services Volunteers**

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7 TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF DODGE COUNTY, WISCONSIN,
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10 **WHEREAS**, Dodge County is a relatively rural county of 892 square miles with a
11 population of approximately 90,000 residents and more than 40 cities, villages and towns; and,
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13 **WHEREAS**, Dodge County cities, villages and towns each offer their own emergency
14 response services, often providing coverage or support for each other in the event of personnel
15 shortages or large scale emergencies; and
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17 **WHEREAS**, increasingly, rural areas are having difficulty in recruiting and retaining
18 volunteer emergency responders, resulting in longer response times and the need for
19 neighboring services to respond due to these shortages;
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21 **SO, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Dodge County Board of
22 Supervisors that it supports legislation that encourages local communities to regionalize, enter
23 into shared service agreements or intergovernmental agreements for emergency medical,
24 ambulance and firefighting services and that such communities that do so be afforded special
25 consideration in the form of increased shared revenues, relief from levy limits or state grant
26 funding; and
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28 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Dodge County Board of Supervisors that it
29 supports legislation that would provide emergency medical, ambulance and firefighter
30 volunteers tax incentives or special state tax status to promote volunteerism in these times of
31 critical need, especially in rural areas; and,
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33 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Dodge County Clerk is directed to send a
34 copy of this Resolution to the Governor, state legislators serving Dodge County, and the
35 Wisconsin Counties Association for consideration at its convention in September of 2019.

All of which is respectfully submitted this 18th day of June, 2019.

Dodge County Executive Committee:

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Vote Required: Majority of members present.

Resolution Summary: Resolution supporting Legislation Encouraging Regionalization of Emergency Medical Services and Incentivizing Emergency Medical Services Volunteers.

ADOPTED
BY DODGE COUNTY BOARD

JUN 18 2019

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ABSENT 3
ABSTAIN 0

Karen J. Silson
County Clerk