WHEREAS, Congress enacted the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Act) which mandates the creation of a nationwide interoperable wireless broadband network that will enable police, firefighters, emergency medical service professionals, and other public safety officials to more effectively communicate and perform their missions;

WHEREAS, the Act creates the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet), an independent authority, charged to take "all actions necessary" to build, deploy, and operate the network, in consultation with state, tribal, federal, and local entities;

WHEREAS, the Act empowers FirstNet to spend funds in a manner authorized by the FirstNet Board (Board), but only for purposes that will advance or enhance public safety communications consistent with the Act;

WHEREAS, on December 11, 2012, the Board enacted Resolution 14, "Delegation of Financial Responsibilities", in which it (i) established approval processes for certain obligations and expenditures, (ii) delegated to designated senior management personnel authority to approve the purchase of goods and services, engage the services of Federal contracting and financial management personnel, and hire new employees, each subject to certain authorization thresholds and, (iii) established a Schedule of Authorizations to the designated senior management personnel.

WHEREAS, as the Board reviews, conditions and approves the FirstNet budget, after recommendation by the Finance Committee, on a fiscal year basis, it now deems it advisable and appropriate to amend and supersede Board Resolution 14, "Delegation of Financial Responsibility" to acknowledge and reflect FirstNet’s present budgetary process, and to ensure all funds collected by FirstNet are available for use on a timely basis consistent with its budgetary authorizations.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board amends and supersedes Resolution 14, “Delegation of Financial Responsibility”, to hereby delegate to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or his delegate, the authority to make all obligations and expenditures that are in the CEO or his delegate's judgment reasonable, appropriate and consistent with the Board’s annual approval of, and subject to the specific parameters set forth in, each fiscal year budget. The Board will be notified and may request review of any obligations and expenditures over $10 million.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board shall approve all obligations and expenditures that exceed $25 million or more than a five year period of performance. The Board also shall approve all real property leases.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board directs the CEO or his delegate to take actions necessary, including all direct coordination with the Office of Management and Budget and/or other appropriate federal agencies, to ensure that all funds received by FirstNet during each fiscal year, whether from FirstNet’s nationwide public safety broadband network partner, donation, or other means permitted under the Act, are promptly apportioned and available for immediate use in accordance with the applicable fiscal year budget or as otherwise authorized by the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution 14, “Delegation of Financial Responsibility”, is hereby superseded by this Resolution 78 in all respects, and all Schedules of Authorizations and other parameters as set forth in Resolution 14 shall hereby be deemed null and void, and of no further applicability.

I, the undersigned, Board Secretary of the First Responder Network Authority, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at the meeting of the Board the First Responder Network Authority on August 26, 2016, at which a quorum was present and voted.

Karen Miller-Kuwana, Board Secretary