WHEREAS, the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Act) permits the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet), an independent authority within the Department of Commerce’s National Telecommunications and Information Administration, to “exercise, through the actions of its Board, all powers specifically granted by the provisions of this subtitle, and such incidental powers as shall be necessary;”

WHEREAS, the Act also permits FirstNet to “take such other actions as the First Responder Network Authority (through the Board) may from time to time determine necessary, appropriate, or advisable to accomplish the purposes of this title;”

WHEREAS, Section 1424(b)(1)(A) of the Act appoints the Secretary of Homeland Security to serve as a member of the FirstNet Board;

WHEREAS, Section 4.03 – Member Participation – of the Bylaws of the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Bylaws) states that a Board member appointed under Section 1424(b)(1)(A-C) may delegate his or her board responsibilities to one subordinate to allow the subordinate to participate in Board activities, including voting as follows: Secretary of Homeland Security to the Under Secretary of Homeland Security for National Protections and Programs;

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 4.03 of the FirstNet Bylaws, Under Secretary Suzanne Spaulding has served as the designee member of the FirstNet Board for the Secretary of the Homeland Security since April 2013;

WHEREAS, Under Secretary Spaulding has served as a member of the FirstNet Board and as a member of the Technology and Outreach and Consultation Committees with great diligence, skill and enthusiasm, and her national security, communications and cybersecurity experience have been invaluable to the Board;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the FirstNet Board hereby extends its formal appreciation to Under Secretary Spaulding for her extraordinary service and dedication as a member of the FirstNet Board.

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 of the First Responder Network Authority on December 14, 2016, at which a quorum was present and voted.

Karen Miller-Kuwana, Board Secretary