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 within the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration, charged to take "all actions necessary" to build, deploy, and operate the network, in consultation with state, tribal, federal, and local entities;

WHEREAS, FirstNet must now develop a comprehensive business plan to build, deploy, and operate the network, in consultation with State, local, tribal, and territorial entities;

WHEREAS, FirstNet has adopted a Schedule of Authorizations that requires board approval of certain anticipated expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the FirstNet Board approves of the plan to devise a comprehensive financial and operating plan that will be developed through a variety of efforts including significant and ongoing outreach activity and wide-ranging consultation with state, tribal, federal, and local entities. In order to commence the process to deliver this comprehensive plan, FirstNet authorizes the expenditure of up to ten million dollars.

I, the undersigned, 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 11, 2012, at which a quorum was present and voted.

Uzoma Onyeije, Secretary