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 (NTIA), charged to take “all actions necessary” to build, deploy, and operate the network, in consultation with State, local, tribal, and territorial entities;

WHEREAS, on August 20, 2012, the Acting Secretary of Commerce appointed William Keever to serve as a member of the FirstNet Board for a term of one year;

WHEREAS, William Keever has served in that capacity with great diligence, skill and enthusiasm, and his extensive telecommunications background and experience have been invaluable to the Board’s early actions to build, deploy and operate the network and develop a framework for delivering mobile applications to FirstNet users;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the FirstNet Board hereby extends its formal appreciation to William Keever for his extraordinary service and dedication as a member of FirstNet’s inaugural Board, and respect his decision not to remain as a FirstNet Board member going forward.
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 a meeting of the Board of the First Responder Network Authority on August 13, 2013, at which a quorum was present and voted.

Uzoma Onyeije, Secretary