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 (NTIA), 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 directs FirstNet in consultation with the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), the Commission, and the public safety advisory committee established under section 6205(a),” to “represent the interests of public safety users of the nationwide public safety broadband network before any proceeding, negotiation, or other matter in which a standards organization, standards body, standards development organization, or any other recognized standards-setting entity addresses the development of standards relating to interoperability.”

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the FirstNet Board of Directors hereby directs the Planning and Technology Committee Chair to develop and implement a plan to coordinate efforts with NTIA to ensure that the interoperability interests of public safety users of the nationwide public safety broadband network are represented effectively in standards organizations, standards bodies, standards development organizations, or any other recognized standards-setting entity and requests NTIA and NIST to assist FirstNet to develop and execute the plan.

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 Directors of the First Responder Network Authority on September 25, 2012, at which a quorum was present and voted.

Uzoma Onyeije, Secretary