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

WHEREAS, the Board, in its December 2012 meeting, approved the development of a comprehensive financial and operating plan and the expenditure of up to ten million dollars to commence the process to deliver this comprehensive plan;

WHEREAS, the Board, in its February 2013 meeting, approved the hiring of up to ten individuals by the Acting management team;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the FirstNet Board authorizes one million dollars of additional funding to help with the implementation of FirstNet’s outreach plan and user advocacy efforts.

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 March 18, 2013, at which a quorum was present and voted.

Uzoma Onyeije, Secretary