

Resolution introduced by Supervisors VanNess and Belden

AUTHORIZING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE CREATION OF THE ADIRONDACK REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS CONSORTIUM FOR THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

WHEREAS, there is a need to cooperate and establish an Interoperable Communications Network to serve the Northeast New York Region, and

WHEREAS, this need has been expressed in the National SAFECOM Program, is encouraged by the Federal Government through a number of Federal grant programs and is well recognized as the future for planning Interoperable Communications Systems, and

WHEREAS, in order to seek Federal and State funding for such initiatives, it is the desire of the Essex, Clinton, Franklin, Warren, and Washington Counties (hereinafter "the Counties") to form a consortium for the purpose of applying for Federal and State grants to establish a regional Interoperable Communications Network, and

WHEREAS, the Consortium has been officially endorsed by the counties committed to working on a joint Interoperable Communications Network that would serve all first responders in the five county region, as well as interface with public service agencies who would study and establish a process for sharing costs and assets that would be of a mutual benefit to all parties. and

WHEREAS, the Consortium will apply for grants under Federal and State programs that encourage regional projects and will comply with Federal and State guidelines for funding, and

WHEREAS, the Consortium will implement any projects in accordance with 28 CFR Part 66, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments, and

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WHEREAS, each participating member county will report all findings and projected costs to its respective legislative and executive bodies before any funds can be obligated, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to execute all necessary documentation relative to entering into a Memorandum of Understanding for the Adirondack Regional Interoperable Communications Consortium, in a form approved by the County Attorney.