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**Resolution Requesting Support For Michigan Senate Bill 400 and  
Michigan House Bill 4651 Amending  
The Emergency Telephone Services Enabling Act.**

**WHEREAS**, Michigan House Bill 4651 and Senate Bill 400 have been introduced in the Michigan Legislature, which would amend Public Act 32 of 1986 entitled the "Emergency Telephone Service Enabling Act"; and

**WHEREAS**, these bills would amend the funding system for 9-1-1 so that all communication devices that have access to 9-1-1, including prepaid wireless devices, contribute equally to the funding of 9-1-1 operations; and

**WHEREAS**, these bills provide a stable funding source for the counties to support their migration to Next Generation 9-1-1 and ongoing operational levels of service for 9-1-1 to its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, these bills afford the Senate and Counties collecting 9-1-1 fees a mechanism for court action should any service providers fail to collect and remit the fees; and

**WHEREAS**, these bills have a mechanism that provides the necessary checks and balances to ensure revenues generated are used for authorized expenditures for 9-1-1 services; and

**WHEREAS**, these authorized expenditures are limited to those directly related to receiving and processing 9-1-1 calls and the subsequent dispatching of responders via a public safety radio; and

**WHEREAS**, such limitation of expenditures has historically met the criteria established through the courts to define 9-1-1 surcharge as a fee for service directly related to telephone services; and

**WHEREAS**, any attempt to amend House Bill 4651 and Senate Bill 400 for other State of Michigan general fund purposes not directly related to 9-1-1 may not meet the criteria of a fee for service and could be viewed as a tax increase for the residents of the Upper Peninsula; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the UP 9-1-1 Authority does hereby offer their support of House Bill 4651 and Senate Bill 400 as introduced; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the UP 9-1-1 Authority opposes amending House Bill 4651 and Senate Bill 400 to include any additional State of Michigan taxes on telephone service customers under the guise of 9-1-1 surcharge; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Rick Snyder, and all Senators and Representatives serving the Upper Peninsula.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the ***Upper Peninsula 9-1-1 Authority Board*** supports Michigan Senate Bill 400 and Michigan House Bill 4651 amending the Emergency Telephone Services Enabling Act.

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Jonathan Mead, Secretary  
U.P. 9-1-1 Authority

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