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3 **RESOLUTION: Urging State Elected Officials to Use Anticipated 2021-2023 Budget**
4 **Surplus to Fund Rural Fire and Ambulance Emergency Services**

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6 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

7 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin is anticipated to have a budget surplus of \$3.8 billion in the fiscal period 2021-2023
8 according to the nonpartisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau estimates; and

9 **WHEREAS**, as a result of the anticipated surplus, Governor Evers has proposed a \$150 refund to every
10 Wisconsin resident; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors recognizes that emergency services in rural areas
12 around our State are struggling to keep up with rising costs; and

13 **WHEREAS**, it is expected that emergency services, such as ambulance and fire response, respond when
14 needed, but few understand the fiscal struggles many emergency service providers have faced over the last several
15 years in rural areas; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the current financing structure for public fire service comes from property taxes that includes
17 both in state residents and out-of-state property owners, while ambulance services are paid for by in state residents
18 alone; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the State has no greater responsibility than the safety of its people, and by using a small portion
20 of the surplus funds to assist these important rural service providers, the State could go a long way in securing the
21 safety of all who live, work, and vacation in Wisconsin.

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23 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby
24 encourages the Governor, in conjunction with the State Legislators, to use a portion of the anticipated \$3.8 billion
25 surplus to fund Wisconsin's rural emergency services.

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27 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it encourages our
28 elected State officials to allocate \$30 per resident to fund all public/government owned and operated ambulance
29 services and \$30 per resident to fund all non-governmental owned ambulance agencies serving a rural area covering
30 less than 15000 residents and \$20 per resident to fund volunteer fire departments, both in a pro-rata share based
31 upon population.

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33 Respectfully submitted by:

34 **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

35 Committee Vote: **9-0**

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37 Vote Required for Passage: **Majority of Those Present**

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39 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____, 2022.

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43 Jonathan D. Doemel
Winnebago County Executive