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2 **RESOLUTION: Support HR Bill 54-29, SIREN Act of 2018**

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

6 **WHEREAS**, the sustainability of rural emergency medical services has been a concern of Emergency
7 Medical Service (EMS) professionals, policymakers, and citizens for many years; and

8 **WHEREAS**, most rural EMS agencies who provide basic life support services to relatively small populations
9 spread across large geographical areas with low daily call volumes have difficulty recruiting and retaining qualified
10 ambulance personnel; and

11 **WHEREAS**, rural EMS agencies have the same training requirements and equipment needs as those in
12 suburban and urban areas; and

13 **WHEREAS**, EMS is a vital link in the healthcare continuum and, without it, community members in need will
14 suffer unnecessary disability or death.

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16 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby
17 supports HR Bill 54-29, the SIREN Act of 2018, which is intended to provide grant funding to rural Emergency
18 Medical Service providers for recruitment and training of EMS personnel, and the purchase of EMS equipment and to
19 acquire personal protective equipment, as required by Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

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21 Respectfully submitted by:

22 **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

23 Committee Vote: **12-0**

24 Vote Required for Passage: **Three-Fourths of Those Members Present**

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26 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____, 2018.

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30 Mark L Harris
Winnebago County Executive