

2 **RESOLUTION: Authorize a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) That Will Provide**
3 **Cross-Jurisdictional Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) Using the**
4 **Integrated Public Alert Warning System (IPAWS)**

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

8 **WHEREAS**, this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) allows jurisdictions to improve their ability to warn
9 the public of emergencies in a timely manner where a multi-jurisdictional impact is likely; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, this MOU will allow Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) to reach those affected and help to
12 eliminate duplicative or conflicting instructions. Each jurisdiction participating in this MOU can activate the Integrated
13 Public Alert Warning System (IPAWS) in an Emergency; and

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15 **WHEREAS**, this MOU may be used when there is an incident, other than a weather event, that has occurred
16 in a neighboring jurisdiction, but which may impact an area outside of the incident jurisdiction and the incident may
17 impact the outside jurisdiction within 30 minutes or when back-up alerting is requested; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, this MOU will allow for back up alerting capabilities to the other participating jurisdictions in the
20 event that the impacted jurisdiction is not able to initiate an alert e.g. system accessibility or failure, time constraints,
21 or other issues that prevent the jurisdiction from issuing an emergency alert message; and

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23 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby
24 authorizes the Winnebago County Emergency Management Department to enter into this Memorandum of
25 Understanding (MOU) which will provided cross-jurisdictional Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) using Integrated
26 Public Alert Warning System (IPAWS) with adjacent counties.

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28 **Fiscal Impact:** No Fiscal Impact.

29 Respectfully submitted by:
30 **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

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32 Committee Vote: **5-0**

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35 Vote Required for Passage: **Two-Thirds of Membership.**

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37 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____, 2021.

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40 Jonathan D. Doemel
41 Winnebago County Executive
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