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3 **RESOLUTION: APPROVE UP TO \$2,100,000 OF THE SPIRIT FUND TO BE**
4 **APPROPRIATED FOR PURCHASING RADIOS AND RADIO EQUIPMENT**
5 **BY THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION, TO BE**
6 **DISTRIBUTED EQUITABLY AMONG ASSOCIATION MEMBER FIRE**
7 **DEPARTMENTS**

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

11 **WHEREAS**, the Winnebago County Fire Chiefs Association is the professional organization representing
12 each fire department in the county; and

13 **WHEREAS**, radio equipment is an essential and life-saving component of firefighting equipment, for both the
14 First Responders and the community members they serve; and

15 **WHEREAS**, professional and volunteer fire departments often use radios and radio components long past their
16 recommended useful life due to the expense of replacing these systems; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the Winnebago County Fire Chiefs Association compiled a list of the needs for Fire Department
18 replacement radios and radio components, receiving quotes ranging from \$2,031,578.20 to \$3,200,000 from local
19 vendors representing different electronics brands.

20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby
21 appropriates up to \$2,100,000 of Spirit Fund dollars to the Winnebago County Fire Chiefs Association to be used to
22 purchase radios and radio components.

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that upon completion,
24 Winnebago County Fire Chiefs Association will submit supporting documentation to the Winnebago County Finance
25 Director outlining the expenditures. The documentation will be submitted within 6 months of the completion of the
26 project but not to exceed 5 years from date of disbursement.

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28 *Fiscal Note: This resolution will not amend the County Budget. \$_____ will be authorized for use from the*
29 *Spirit Fund.*

30 Respectfully submitted by:

31 **ARPA STRATEGY AND OUTCOMES COMMISSION**

32 Commission Vote: _____

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34 Vote Required for Passage: **Two-Thirds of Membership**

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36 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this _____ day of _____, 2023.

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39 Jonathan D. Doemel
40 Winnebago County Executive