

**Lee County Board
Dixon, Illinois**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

CALL FOR PROHIBITION OF 9-1-1 FUND DIVERSIONS

WHEREAS, Public Act 102-0699 created a statewide 9-8-8 Trust Fund to be used by the Department of Human Services for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a statewide 9-8-8 suicide prevention and mental health crisis system; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 102- 0699 directed the State Comptroller to transfer the sum of \$5,000,000 from the Statewide 9-1-1 Fund to the newly created Statewide 9-8-8 Trust Fund, thereby diverting critical funding away from 9-1-1 Centers across the State, including the Lee County 9-1-1 Center; and

WHEREAS, this diversion will result in a funding gap for local 9-1-1 Centers which must be paid by local units of government who have limited taxing abilities and are already working under their own existing budget constraints; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) published a report in 2021 addressing U.S. Congressional concerns over misuse of 9-1-1 surcharge funds, detailing acceptable expenditures for 9-1-1 surcharge funds of which the funding of the 9-8-8 initiative would not qualify; and

WHEREAS, according to a report of an FCC Strike Force charged with studying the issue of 9-1-1 fee diversions, diverting 9-1-1 fees negatively impacts public safety, 9-1-1 operations, first responders, and the fiscal sustainability of 9-1-1 service in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Lee County Board seeks an immediate prohibition of 9-1-1 fee diversion to the 9-8-8 Trust Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Lee County Board hereby requests Governor Pritzker and the members of the General Assembly delay the transfer of \$5,000,000 by the State Comptroller until another funding source for the newly created 9-8-8 Trust Fund can be identified.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Lee County Clerk is hereby instructed to forward a copy of this resolution, upon approval, to Governor Pritzker, House Speaker Chris Welch, and Senate President Don Harmon.

PASSED BY THE LEE COUNTY BOARD

THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2022

ATTEST:

BY: _____
Lee County Board Chairman

BY: _____
Lee County Clerk

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