

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION NO. 426 OF 2012

Resolution introduced by Supervisors Monroe, Bentley, Thomas, Girard, Sokol, Wood and Frasier

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING S.5509B/A.8489A TO REVISE THE SHARING FORMULA FOR WIRELESS E911 SURCHARGE MONIES

WHEREAS, in 1991, the New York State Legislature enacted a statute that placed a monthly surcharge of 70 cents on each cell phone bill and that monthly surcharge was increased to \$1.20 per cell phone in 2002, and

WHEREAS, the allocation of said wireless surcharge monies collected by the State was initially intended to help defray the costs of operating and maintaining County 911 centers throughout the State, and

WHEREAS, counties now receive only a small portion of over \$2 million dollars collected from said surcharge by the State each year because the monies have been diverted to other state purposes, and

WHEREAS, S.5509B/A.8489A, as proposed, would require that 58.3% of E911 wireless surcharge funds must be used for grants or reimbursements to counties for the development, consolidation, or operation of public safety communications systems or networks designed to support interoperable communications for first responders, including Next Generation 911 and the remaining 41.7% would be used for miscellaneous state expenses, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors hereby urges the State Legislature and Governor Cuomo to approve S.5509B/A.8489A that would revise the sharing formula for wireless E911 surcharges monies to ensure that local governments receive the funds necessary to upgrade 911 call centers and maintain emergency dispatch center operations in the name of public safety, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to forward copies of this resolution to the New York State Association of Counties; Governor Andrew M. Cuomo; Senator Elizabeth O’C. Little; and Assemblywoman Teresa Sayward.