

October 15, 2020

**TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN:**

Your County Administration Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following:

**R E S O L U T I O N**

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Emergency Management Act (PA 390 of 1976); hereafter the "Act", authorizes a County to enter into mutual aid or reciprocal aid agreements or compacts with other counties for the exchange of personnel, equipment, and other resources in times of emergency, disaster, or other serious threats to public health and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the Act also requires Counties to develop emergency operations plans and programs that shall include provisions for the dissemination of public information, which would include alerting the public of an emergency, including directions being given by the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Berrien County Emergency Operations Plan identifies the federally owned "Integrated Alert and Warning System"; hereafter, "IPAWS"; as a primary alert and warning system this is used to alert the public in Berrien County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Berrien County Management Coordinator has identified that a backup process for activating the IPAWS system is prudent and recommends allowing Van Buren County and Allegan County to serve as a backup activation partner for Berrien County and for Berrien County to reciprocate the service as a backup to Van Buren and Allegan Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, Berrien County Corporate Counsel has reviewed the attached Memorandum of Understanding for Emergency Alerting to the Public that will establish a relationship between Berrien County, Allegan County, and Van Buren County to serve as backup activation points for IPAWS.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners hereby approves entering into the Memorandum of Understanding for Emergency Alerting to the Public between Berrien, Allegan, and Van Buren Counties and authorizes the Emergency Management Coordinator to sign and maintain this agreement as an authorized representative of the County for the purposes of executing this agreement, and shall ensure the Berrien County Emergency Operations Plan and associated Procedures incorporate this agreement and the means of execution.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED  
BERRIEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

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Jim Curran, Chairperson

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Michael J. Majerek, Vice Chairperson

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Don Meeks

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Chris Heugel

<b>RESOLUTION APPROVED AS TO FORM</b>	
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Corporate Counsel _____	Date _____
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