**A RESOLUTION**

A resolution of the county of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, supporting the 2023 priorities of the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania.

**WHEREAS**, Pennsylvania counties have selected six priority issues that will be the focal point of counties’ proactive agenda for 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, these priorities showcase counties’ commitment to the core services they provide to the people and communities of Pennsylvania; and

**WHEREAS**, achieving these even county priorities underscore the critical need to redefine, reinvigorate and emphasize the state-county partnership in service delivery; and

**WHEREAS**, the top priority for Pennsylvania counties in 2023 is securing 911 funding and reauthorization; and

**WHEREAS,** the current 911 funding formula scheduled to sunset in January 2024 and the new 911 funding formula must adequately support current county needs and must also ensure that funding sources and distribution support our needs into the future, including planning, development and support for the implementation of Next Gen 911; and

**WHEREAS,** achieving this priority would ensure all Pennsylvania residents and visitors will continue to have a quick and efficient connection to a 911 operator and services in any situation, regardless of geographic location or time of day; and

**WHEREAS,** counties’ second priority is addressing county inmates with mental health issues aiming to find ways to better serve those incarcerated experiencing severe mental illness, making it very difficult to address their needs in the jail setting; and

**WHEREAS**, counties’ third priority is advocating for county mental health base funding increase to ensure that residents are able to access the care that they need; and

**WHEREAS,** counties provide community-based mental health services, such as community residential programs, family-based support, outpatient care and crisis intervention, which are critical to the well-being of our constituents and our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County has invested in community-based mental health services that coordinate and invest in programs and services that meet the needs and challenges of local communities, including <<include examples of community mental health programs in your county as applicable>>; and

**WHEREAS**, addressing the needs of children and youth who have complex behavioral health issues is counties’ fourth priority, to provide adequate support to county mental health base funds to better ensure services to address children’s mental health needs are available within their communities; and

**WHEREAS,** counties chose broadband access and development as their fifth priority in light of the immediate need for infrastructure and partnerships critical to expanding access that will increase economic vitality and personal quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County, approximately \_\_\_\_\_# or %\_\_\_\_\_ of our residents do not have reliable internet service, missing opportunities to access educational tools, health care, emergency services and other key parts of their everyday lives; and

**WHEREAS,** counties continue to seek to promote election integrity, including expanded pre-canvassing time and moving back the mail-in ballot application deadline to 15 days before an election; and

**WHEREAS**,the state-county partnership across all areas of service delivery must again be prioritized, including a commitment to additional and sustainable funding for all human services and county-administered programs; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that \_\_\_\_\_\_ County stands ready to work with the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania and counties throughout the commonwealth in support of these priorities for 2023; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that these priorities emphasize the important role \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County plays in improving our communities and the well-being of our residents; and

**RESOLVED**, that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County calls upon the General Assembly and the Administration to work together in partnership with counties to jointly determine the most effective ways to continue meeting the needs of Pennsylvanians; and

**RESOLVED**, collaboration between county government and the commonwealth on these priorities will lead to solutions that improve stewardship of taxpayer dollars, reduce cost, increase local flexibility and assure the quality of services counties provide; and

**RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County legislative delegation, to Governor Shapiro, and to the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania.

# ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS/
 COUNTY COUNCIL

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