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Hon. Mayor and Common Council
City Hall, 216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, New York 14120

RE: Resolution Empowering the Mayor and City Attorney to Enter into Negotiations with the County of Niagara for the Transfer of E911 Police Dispatch from the City of North Tonawanda to the County of Niagara

Dear Honorable Body:

Attached, for your review, is a proposed resolution to empower the Mayor and the City Attorney to enter into negotiations between the City of North Tonawanda and the County of Niagara for the transfer of E911 police dispatch duties from the City to the County of Niagara E911 Communications Center located within the Niagara County Sheriff's Department.

Should your Honorable Body concur, please pass the attached resolution to approve our entering into these negotiations, subject to any further review by the City Attorney.

Very truly yours,

Shawn P. Nickerson

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City Attorney

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RESOLUTION EMPOWERING THE MAYOR AND CITY ATTORNEY TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COUNTY OF NIAGARA TO TRANSFER E911 POLICE DISPATCHING FROM THE CITY OF NORTH TONAWANDA TO THE COUNTY OF NIAGARA

WHEREAS, limited consolidation of government functions and implementation of shared services are critical to maintaining cost-effective government services for the residents of the City of North Tonawanda and its residents, and

WHEREAS, redundant services only increase the costs of government borne by the taxpayers of City of North Tonawanda and its residents, and

WHEREAS, as of this date, the Niagara County E911 communications Center does dispatch five local police agencies, 28 volunteer fire companies, two ambulance services, and the North Tonawanda Fire Department, and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the Niagara County E911 Communications Center did dispatch 90,958 emergency calls, and

WHEREAS, the City of North Tonawanda Police Department did dispatch 4,120 emergency calls during the same period, and

WHEREAS, as of this date, the Niagara County E911 Communications Center is a modern, state-of-the-art facility that provides local law enforcement with access to the New York Statewide Information Network and the National Crime Information Center, and

WHEREAS, the current City of North Tonawanda Police Dispatch System has become obsolete and is in need of costly upgrades to meet current

technological advances, and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Robert G. Ortt, Mayor of the City of North Tonawanda, has expressed a desire to enter into negotiations to transfer the City of North Tonawanda's police dispatch to the Niagara County E911 Communications Center to dramatically reduce the costs of government in said city, and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Niagara County government to be a partner with this county's municipalities to mutually benefit this county's taxpayers and all residents, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Common Council of the City of North Tonawanda does authorize the Honorable Robert G. Ortt and/or his designees from the City of North Tonawanda to enter into negotiations with the County of Niagara to produce an Inter-municipal Agreement to provide E911 dispatch services for said City's police force, and

RESOLVED that any negotiated Inter-municipal agreement for transfer of dispatch services shall be the subject of future North Tonawanda Common Council and Niagara County Legislature approvals via resolution, and

RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of North Tonawanda does authorize the Honorable Robert G. Ortt and/or his designees to serve as lead agents for the city in these negotiations, and

RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby authorizes the County of Niagara and City of North Tonawanda to pursue a New York State grant in the amount of $400,000.00 which will help defray the cost of the proposed police dispatch transfer from the City of North Tonawanda to the County of Niagara, and

RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby authorizes the County of

Niagara, to act as primary grant applicant, through its designated grant applicant contact person, County Manager Jeffrey M. Glatz (59 Park Avenue, Lockport, NY 14094), and

RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby authorizes the City of North Tonawanda to act as grant co-applicant, through its designated grant co-applicant contact person Mayor, Robert G. Ortt (216 Payne Avenue, North Tonawanda, NY 14120), and

RESOLVED, that the aforementioned grant shall consist of a local government share/ match of 10%, which said share will be divided equally between the City of North Tonawanda and County of Niagara, and

RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of North Tonawanda directs that the target date for the implementation of the transfer of the E911 dispatch function from the North Tonawanda Police Department to the Niagara County Sheriff's Office shall be no later than July 1, 2012.