

## **MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE**

### **RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commissions (FCC) December 19, 2005 "Report To Congress - On the Study to Assess Short-Term and Long-Term Needs for Allocation of Additional Portions of the Electromagnetic Spectrum for Federal, State and Local Emergency Response Providers" (Report), principally concludes that emergency response providers would benefit from the development of an integrated, interoperable nationwide network capable of delivering broadband services throughout the country, and

WHEREAS, the FCC's Report further concludes that there may now be a place for commercial providers to assist public safety in securing and protecting the homeland, and

WHEREAS, Cyren Call Communications (Cyren Call) has filed a proposal with the FCC which would provide for a nationwide, seamless, next-generation broadband network capable of integrating voice, data and video for public safety using spectrum that currently is scheduled to be auctioned by the FCC, and

WHEREAS, the Cyren Call proposal harnesses a self-sustaining business model that would stimulate the competition and innovation needed to support cutting-edge technologies for our Nation's first responders, without the use of public funds, and

WHEREAS, our Nation has an exceptional historic opportunity to take advantage of the clearance of a nationwide block of contiguous frequencies in the 700 MHz spectrum band which is adjacent to spectrum either currently occupied by public safety or allocated for use by public safety and is an area ideally suited for the creation of a next-generation broadband network because of its unique physical properties, and

WHEREAS, our Nation may lose its last meaningful chance for creating a fully interoperable, advanced public safety communications system, capable of linking each and every local, state and federal emergency responder, and necessary to securing and defending the homeland, if a debate is not initiated to license this spectrum to public safety for a nationwide broadband network before this spectrum is auctioned off and lost forever.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police does hereby request that the Federal Communications Commission commence a proceeding to seek public comment on the Cyren Call proposal to license this spectrum to public safety for broadband use and hereby requests the Michigan Congressional Delegation to urge the Federal Communications Commission to initiate such a proceeding expeditiously.