

**RESOLUTION NO. 5--0508**

**REQUESTING PLACEMENT OF WIRELESS EMERGENCY 911  
SURCHARGES INTO THE BUDGET REPAIR BILL**

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin State Legislature allocates funding for Wireless Emergency 911 surcharges to the counties of the State of Wisconsin; and

**WHEREAS**, the current funding for Wireless Emergency 911 surcharges is scheduled to end on November 30, 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wireless Emergency 911 surcharge funds the acquisition and maintenance of technology that locates phone users who call 911 for emergency purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, 60% of all calls that come into the Iowa County Central Dispatch are from wireless phones; and

**WHEREAS**, this technology greatly reduces response time to accident or crime scenes; and

**WHEREAS**, Iowa County invested \$227,000 in the past two years in upgrades to the Iowa County Sheriff's Department Dispatch operations and funded to a great extent from the Wireless E911 surcharge revenue; and

**WHEREAS**, Iowa County will continue to make major investments in the emergency dispatch operations subject to Wireless 911 surcharge funding availability; and

**WHEREAS**, all counties in the State of Wisconsin will be adversely affected by the elimination of the current Wireless 911 surcharges.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by The Iowa County Board of Supervisors, respectfully requests the Wisconsin State Legislature include Wireless Emergency 911 surcharges in the Budget Repair Bill; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, Majority Leader of the Wisconsin State Senate, the Speaker of the Wisconsin State Assembly, Assembly Representative Steve Hilgenberg, State Senator Dale Schultz and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Dated this 22nd day of May 2008.

Respectfully submitted by the Iowa County Justice Committee: