

DRAFT: DODGE COUNTY RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF T-CPR

Whereas, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. 23-104(6), the County has the power to do all acts in relation to the concerns of the County necessary to the exercise of its corporate powers; and,

Whereas, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. 23-103, the powers of the County are exercised by the County Board; and,

Whereas, 911 Emergency dispatchers who provide dispatch for emergency conditions shall offer T- CPR instruction to callers or bystanders, as deemed necessary; and

Whereas, T-CPR means telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation and is the dispatcher assisted delivery of cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) instruction by trained emergency call takers or public safety dispatchers to caller or bystanders for events requiring CPR, such as out-of-hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA); and,

Whereas, 911 emergency dispatchers would be trained and able to provide high-quality TCPR instructions to a bystander over the phone to assist a victim in cardiac arrest; and,

Whereas, every year, more than 350,000 Americans fall victim to OHCA and only about 1 in 10 victims survive this dramatic event; and,

Whereas, early access to 911 and early CPR are the first two steps for survival, and for every minute without CPR, chances of survival drop by 10 percent; and,

Whereas, T-CPR is associated with a 51% greater likelihood of survival after OHCA compared to no lay rescuer CPR.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Dodge County Board of Commissioners that all 911 telecommunicators that provide dispatch for emergency medical conditions, shall be required to be trained, utilizing the most current nationally recognized emergency cardiovascular care guidelines, in high-quality T-CPR, which incorporates recognition protocols for out-of-hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA). The instruction shall incorporate continuous education.