RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FEDERAL AGENCY AND CONGRESSIONAL INITIATIVES TO ENSURE THE DEPLOYMENT OF EFFECTIVE INDOOR LOCATION TECHNOLOGY THAT WILL MEET THE NEEDS OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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Whereas, obtaining the location of people who contact Public Safety Answering Points for emergency assistance, whether calling from indoor or outdoor locations, or using fixed line or wireless handsets, is vital to public safety response;

Whereas, FCC rules establish an automated location information and accuracy standard for PSAP calls and contacts, including those initiated using wireless handsets outdoors, but not for wireless calls initiated indoors;

Whereas, the majority of emergency calls placed to Emergency 911 are made from indoors and a large and growing share of emergency calls are made from wireless communication devices;

Whereas, the accuracy of indoor location technology is important to public safety, in both rural and urban environments;

Whereas, the deployment of effective indoor location technology is important for fire service, emergency medical services and public safety in general.

Whereas, location technology must be readily deployable and easy to use for public safety;

Whereas, location technology much be cost-effective or public safety will not be able to afford to use it;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Congressional Fire Services Institute:

- 1) Requests Congress and the FCC to take action necessary to ensure the deployment of effective, affordable, readily deployable, and easy to use indoor location technology that will meet the accuracy requirements of public safety in a timely fashion.
- 2) Requests that the FCC enforce current location accuracy standards and adopt new standards for indoor location accuracy.