

Resolution supporting the proposed statute that would amend the general municipal law, the civil service law, the retirement and social security law and the public health law in relation to emergency medical services

Whereas, proposed state legislation S.8432 entitled “An act to amend the general municipal law, the civil service law, the retirement and social security law and the public health law, in relation to emergency medical services” has been introduced that would require emergency medical service, define emergency medical services as essential services, expand the benefits available to emergency medical services personnel and set standards for emergency medical services, and

Whereas, the legislation amends the general municipal law to require that emergency medical services are provided in some form by all municipalities throughout the state, and

Whereas, the legislation amends the general municipal law to allow for fees to be charged by governmental providers for emergency medical providers creating parity with not-for-profit emergency medical providers, and

Whereas, the legislation amends section 3000 of the public health law to clarify that emergency medical services are essential services, and

Whereas, the **MUNICIPAL** Board recognizes the many concerns related to the service delivery of emergency medical services throughout the county, state, and nation involving such issues as staff recruitment and retention and the lack of access to alternative revenues such as grants and adequate insurance payments, training opportunities, and clear standards for EMS agencies; and

Whereas, emergency medical service agencies provide an essential service that should provide equal access to those in need of their services, and also provide essential early intervention health care to their patients; and;

Whereas, the **MUNICIPAL** Board considers that this legislation is a good first step to resolving the crisis currently facing the emergency medical service community.

On motion of Council _____, Seconded by Council _____, the following was approved,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the **NAME OF MUNICIPALITY** is in support of the passage of the proposed legislation S.8432 and

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the MUNICIPAL Clerk distributes copies of this resolution to the Governor and to the MUNICIPAL's representatives in the State Assembly and the State Senate.

The above resolution was put to a roll call vote: