

**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.4020/A.3392 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 define emergency medical services as an essential service, thereby requiring that emergency medical service be available to all residents throughout the state; extend access to benefits available to emergency medical services personnel; and develop plans and standards for regional and statewide emergency medical service agencies, and

**WHEREAS**, the legislation amends the general municipal law to require that emergency medical services are provided in a reliable form by all municipalities throughout the state and be available to all state residents; 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 **MUNICIPALITY** considers that this legislation is a good first step to resolving the crisis currently facing the emergency medical service community.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the **MUNICIPALITY** is in support of the passage of the proposed legislation S.4020/A.3392 and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the **MUNICIPAL** Clerk shall distribute copies of this resolution to the NYS Governor, the **MUNICIPALITY’S** representatives in the State Assembly and the State Senate, and bill sponsors NYS Senator Shelley Mayer and NYS Assemblyman Steve Otis.

The above resolution was put to a roll call vote: