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Resolution of Support for the Implementation of the Ground Emergency Medical Transportation Program in Michigan

Body

Whereas, the City of Rochester Hills provides Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) services for City residents, which includes many Medicaid beneficiaries; and,

Whereas, the GEMT program available through the United States Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services provides reimbursement to public providers for services provided to Medicaid patients; and.

Whereas, the State of Michigan is not currently participating in the GEMT program, which is a voluntary enrollment program at both the state and local levels; and,

Whereas, implementation of the GEMT program in the State of Michigan may yield hundreds of thousands of federal reimbursement for Ground Emergency Medical Transport providers annually; and,

Whereas, the emergency services sector has struggled with workforce retention and recruiting in the wake of

the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

Whereas, the GEMT program will help Michigan public agencies including the City of Rochester Hills retain and hire employees; and,

Whereas, the GEMT program has shown to expand access, quality, and sustainability of emergency services for Medicaid recipients for public providers; and,

Whereas, the MI-GEMT coalition is advocating for the passage of legislation directing the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to enroll in the GEMT program; and,

Whereas, the MI-GEMT coalition includes the Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs, Michigan Municipal League, Michigan Townships Association; and,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the City Council of the City of Rochester Hills hereby conveys its support for efforts of the MI-GEMT coalition; and,

Be It Further Resolved that the City of Rochester Hills urges the Michigan State Legislature to adopt legislation directing the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to enroll in the GEMT program through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services State Plan Amendment process.