

**MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP
BURLINGTON COUNTY
RESOLUTION 2021-12-10**

**RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING LEGISLATION DECLARING EMERGENCY MEDICAL
SERVICES AS ESSENTIAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Legislature, by adoption of N.J.S.A. 40A: 14-7 et seq. authorized the creation and establishment by a municipal governing body of municipal fire departments and forces; and

WHEREAS, similarly, the Legislature, by adoption of N.J.S.A. 40A: 14-118 et seq authorized the creation and establishment by a municipal governing body of a municipal police force; and

WHEREAS, however, the Legislature, by adoption of N.J.S.A. 40A: 14-183 et seq. has only adopted the "Emergency Services Volunteer Length of Service Award Program Act."; and not an overall, comprehensive legislative authorization for funding, equipment and supplies of emergency medical services as essential government services similar to police and fire services; and

WHEREAS, unlike police and fire services, emergency medical services has not been designated or recognized as an essential government service in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, based on call volumes and other data, it appears that individuals who live, work and play in New Jersey have an important and significant need for emergency medical services and the need for these services have been enhanced and increased by the Coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, providing necessary emergency medical services requires adequate funding, up-to-date equipment, personal protective equipment for EMS personnel and other needs that must be addressed by governmental action recognizing emergency medical services as essential government services in the same manner as police and fire services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey hereby requests the Governor and Legislature of the State of New Jersey to create legislation that would recognize and establish emergency medical services as essential government services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be sent to the members of the New Jersey Legislature, the New Jersey Commissioner of Health, and the office of the Governor of the State of New Jersey.

**MOTION: OCELLO
ROLL CALL VOTE:**

SECOND: GOLENDIA

AYES: OCELLO, GOLENDIA, HIGGINS, TALLON, MAGEE

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

CERTIFICATION

I, LINDA SEMUS, RMC, CMR, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Mansfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate copy of the Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, at their regular meeting held on December 15, 2021.

LINDA SEMUS, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk