

## Resolution No.

## Declaring Emergency Medical Services (EMS) As An Essential Service

WHEREAS, Greene County seeks to provide Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to all its citizens and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Greene County recognizes there is a need to ensure and advance the level of care, capability, and coverage of EMS in Greene County; and

WHEREAS, the Greene County Legislature hereby supports and urges the adoption of Senate Bill S.7501 and Assembly Bill A.8086 which deem emergency medical services as an essential service, and allows for the establishment of a special district for the financing and operation of general ambulance services; and provides for a statewide comprehensive emergency medical system plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Greene County Legislature hereby declares Emergency Medical Services (EMS) an essential service in Greene County and shall exercise the necessary power and functions appropriate to preserve the health, safety, and welfare of Greene County residents and provide for an effective and efficient Greene County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system that allows for quality care for the persons living, working, or travelling in Greene County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that exercising said necessary power and function includes but is not limited to funding Emergency Medical Services in Greene County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby directed to forward copies of this Resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl E. Heastie, New York State Senator Michelle Hinchey, New York State Assemblyman Chris Tague and the New York State Association of Counties.

## **Meeting History**

## **Current Meeting**

06/04/25 Health Services Committee MOVED FOR ADOPTION

RESULT: MOVED FOR ADOPTION [UNANIMOUS]

**MOVER:** Patrick S. Linger, Chairman **SECONDER:** Gregory Davis, Sherry B. True

AYES: Davis, True, Hobart, O'Connell, Lanuto Jr., Linger, Luvera

**ABSENT:** Patricia Handel, Harry A. Lennon