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RESOLUTION NO. 004-25

IN SUPPORT OF THE SOUTHERN TIER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEMS (STEMS) CONTINUING AS THE PROGRAM AGENCY FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES (EMS) IN ALLEGANY COUNTY AND THE SURROUNDING REGION.

WHEREAS, the Southern Tier Emergency Medical Systems (STEMS), a program of the Southern Tier Health Care Systems, Inc., serves as the program agency for emergency management services (EMS) in Allegany County and the surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, STEMS also serves as the program agency for the Southwestern Regional Emergency Management Services (SWREMS) Council; and

WHEREAS, STEMS contracts with the New York State Department of Health to provide EMS agencies with crucial support of their operational and regulatory functions; and

WHEREAS, the crucial support provided by STEMS to the EMS agencies, including the EMS agencies located in Allegany County and the surrounding region, ensure the provision of quality pre-hospital care, training, and compliance with State standards; and

WHEREAS, the SWREMS Council provides oversight, coordination, and advocacy for EMS services for Allegany County and the surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, the contract between STEMS and the New York State Department of Health expired in June 2024, and despite continuing discussions, STEMS has yet to receive payment for their services provided this year; and

WHEREAS, this delay in payment by the State has placed a strain on STEMS' ability to provide quality, effective services to the EMS agencies it represents; and

WHEREAS, the SWREMS Council also is facing similar financial challenges and requires adequate funding to provide its services to the EMS agencies it represents.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Inter-County Association of Western New York, representing 2.9 million citizens in the State of New York, supports the services Southern Tier Emergency Medical Services (STEMS) and the Southwestern Regional Emergency Management Services (SWREMS) Council provide to emergency management services (EMS) in Allegany County and the surrounding region; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Inter-County Association of Western New York strongly encourages the New York State Department of Health to prioritize funding for STEMS and the SWREMS Council so both entities can continue to provide the crucial support and services necessary for EMS services in Allegany County and the surrounding region; and be it further

RESOLVED, a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Honorable Kathy Hochul, New York State Governor; all members of the NYS Senate; all members of the NYS Assembly; and the New York State Association of Counties.

STATE OF NEW YORK)

ss.:

COUNTY OF STEUBEN)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution duly adopted by the Inter-County Association of Western New York while in session in Genesee County on the 21st day of March 2025.

Dated: April 2, 2025
Bath, New York



Amanda L. Chapman, Secretary
Inter-County Association of Western New York