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5-236-24. WHEREAS: The city of Dearborn Fire Department provides Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) services, the beneficiaries of which are many Medicaid recipients, and

WHEREAS: The GEMT Program available through the United States Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services provides monetary reimbursement to public providers for GEMT services rendered 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: According to the US Census Bureau, approximately 35% of residents within the city of Dearborn are Medicaid recipients, and

WHEREAS: Implementation of the GEMT Program in the State of Michigan has potential to yield two million dollars of federal reimbursement dollars critical to maintaining quality GEMT services in and for the city of Dearborn, and

WHEREAS: The emergency services sector has struggled with workforce recruitment and retention in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, and

WHEREAS: The GEMT Program will help Michigan municipalities, including the city of Dearborn, to recruit and retain firefighter/paramedics, and

WHEREAS: The GEMT Program is shown to have expanded access, quality, and sustainability of emergency services for Medicaid recipients in participating states, 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 as members the Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs, Michigan Municipal League, Michigan Townships Association; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the 34<sup>th</sup> City Council of the City of Dearborn, hereby affirms its support for and urges the Michigan House of Representatives, Senate and Governor to enact legislation directing the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to enroll in the GEMT Medicare and Medicaid Services State Plan Amendment process; be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be given immediate effect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.