

**CITY OF SOUTHFIELD**  
**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of Southfield, Michigan authorizes support for the implementation of a Ground Emergency Medical Transportation Program in Michigan.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Southfield Fire department 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**, according to the US Census Bureau, approximately 16.6% of residents within the City of Southfield are Medicaid recipient; 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 Southfield 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 Southfield hereby conveys its support for efforts of the MI-GEMT coalition; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, The City of Southfield 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.

Motion by Houge; Support by Haynes

AYES: Banks, Brightwell, Haynes, Hicks, Houge, Mandelbaum

NAYS: None

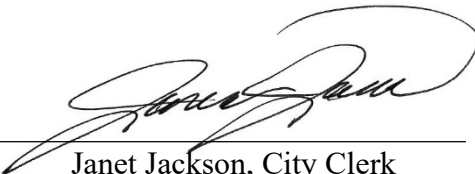
ABSENT: Crews

The motion passed.

I, Janet Jackson, the duly elected and qualified City Clerk of the City of Southfield, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Southfield City Council at their Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, May 6, 2024, 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield, Michigan.



Dated: May 30, 2024



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Janet Jackson, City Clerk