

## RESOLUTION NO. 10 - 2011

### RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE OPPOSING ASSEMBLY BILL NO. A-2095 AND SENATE BILL NO. S-818 WHICH REVISE REQUIREMENTS FOR MEDICAL SERVICE DELIVERY

**WHEREAS**, Assembly Bill A-2095 and Senate Bill S-818 are currently undergoing an examination by both State legislative bodies; and

**WHEREAS**, the intent of A-2095 and S-818 is to regulate the emergency medical services system, referred to as inefficient and lacking in accountability by the sponsors of this legislation; and

**WHEREAS**, upon reading the proposed sweeping reform measures, It is apparent that these bills, while seemingly beneficial, set forth a number of requirements that will have a deleterious impact on New Jersey Municipalities and volunteer rescue squads; and

**WHEREAS**, set forth below are issues raised in the bill:

1. Qualification and training levels that will discourage and/or overly burden volunteer rescue squad members, reducing volunteer participation in rescue squads;
2. Creation of a new Office of Emergency Services in the Department of Health with all costs associated in appointing and maintaining a new bureaucracy;
3. The requirement that two (2) emergency medical technicians ride in every ambulance at all times, again burdening volunteer rescue squads leading to their demise;
4. Creation of a new State Fund and directing the assessment and collection of fees (taxes) in support of same;
5. Establishment of the titles of State Medical Director for Emergency Medical Services and three (3) regional medical directors who will undoubtedly require appropriate staff to support said titles; and
6. By default, municipalities in the absence of viable volunteer rescue squads shall remain responsible for providing Basic Life Support services through the hiring of personnel or by contracting with a service provider (area hospital) to provide ambulance support; and

**WHEREAS**, the unspoken consequence of said legislation will be the end of volunteer rescue squads across New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, State government, as a result of this legislation, will expand its bureaucracy at a time when the citizens wish to see State government reduced; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost to provide Basic Life Support Services will increase dramatically as a result of the loss of volunteers and volunteer rescue squads.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Riverdale in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Borough of Riverdale stands firmly opposed to this legislation as the requirements contained therein will effectively end the viability of the Pompton Lakes/Riverdale First Aid Squad;
2. The Borough of Riverdale stands firmly opposed to this legislation as the requirements therein will dramatically increase the cost of emergency medical services to our citizens in the form of taxes, fees, and service charges; and
3. The Borough of Riverdale calls upon its legislative delegation to vote against this legislation and, in the event that same is adopted, Governor Christie is respectfully requested to veto the legislation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Chris Christie, Senator Joseph Pennacchio, Assemblyman Alex DeCroce, Assemblyman Jay Webber, all Morris County Municipalities, the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, and Morris Minute Men.

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CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

I, Carol J. Talerico, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Riverdale, County of Morris, New Jersey, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted at a meeting of said Mayor and Council of the Borough of Riverdale held on January 17, 2011.

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June R. Uhrin, Clerk

DATED: January 17, 2011