

# New Jersey State First Aid Council, Inc.



Representing Over 20,000 NJ EMS Volunteers

## CERTIFIED COPY OF CORPORATE RESOLUTION

I, Barbara Platt, Secretary of the New Jersey State First Aid Council, Inc., a New Jersey nonprofit corporation (the "Corporation"), hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a corporate resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Corporation on the 30 day of April, 2009. This resolution has been duly entered into the records of the Corporation, has not been modified or rescinded, is in effect, and is the current resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees attending to the subject matter of the resolution:

### CORPORATE RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the Corporation is a public service association comprised of volunteer first aid, ambulance and rescue squads; and

**WHEREAS**, the Corporation's purpose is to:

- (1) Further the medical care of injured, wounded, sick, infirm and aged persons in case of emergency by rendering pre-hospital basic life support ("BLS") and transportation of those persons to hospitals or other like places for medical treatment and care; and
- (2) Assist member Squads in continuing to provide Emergency Medical Services ("EMS") for the benefit of the general public and to maintain minimum standards for operations; and
- (3) Organize, train, and maintain a corps of qualified pre-hospital BLS specialists; and

**WHEREAS**, the Emergency Medical Technician ("EMT") Training Fund was created by New Jersey P.L. 1992, chapter 143 (N.J.S.A. 26:2K-54 et seq.) as a dedicated, non-lapsing, revolving fund, established to reimburse any private agency, organization or entity which is certified by the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services to provide training and testing for volunteer ambulance, first aid and rescue squad personnel who are seeking EMT certification and/or recertification, and for which that entity is not otherwise reimbursed. The Fund has allowed thousands of Volunteer EMTs to earn and maintain their EMT certification without incurring out-of-pocket personal expense and without the need for funding from their volunteer squad or municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the EMT Training Fund is not supported through the use of any tax money, but rather is supported by a \$0.50 surcharge on each fine, penalty and forfeiture imposed and collected by the State of New Jersey for motor vehicle or traffic violations.; and

**WHEREAS**, the \$0.50 traffic violation surcharge has never been increased and the EMT Training Fund is currently running at approximately a \$ 1,000,000 deficit per year; and

**WHEREAS**, the President of the Corporation sits on the EMT Training Fund Advisory Council to establish guidelines and recommendations regarding reimbursement from the EMT Training Fund to entities providing EMT training and are familiar with the finances and operations of the EMT Training Fund and the Fund's benefit to volunteer EMT training and certification; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 23, 2009 the Department of Health and Senior Services Office of OEMS informed the New Jersey State First Aid Council of Governor Corzine's intention to redirect \$4,000,000 from the dedicated EMT Training Fund to the general treasury of the State of New Jersey leaving only a proposed \$400,000 balance in the Fund; and,

**WHEREAS**, a \$400,000 balance in the EMT Training Fund is inadequate to meet the annual training needs of the Volunteer EMTs of this State and will result in severe cut-backs of state-paid EMT training for New Jersey's EMS Volunteer Community;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that this Corporation formally opposes Governor Corzine's plan to transfer money from the EMT Training Fund, because of the detrimental effect this will have on the availability of EMT training for New Jersey's Volunteer EMS Community.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Corporation formally opposes the intended re-appropriation of monies from the dedicated EMT Training Fund, therefore shifting the cost of Volunteer EMT Training to volunteer ambulance, first aid and rescue squads during this time of economic hardship when squads continue to see a decrease in donations, contributions, and a short fall in fund raising. It is fundamentally unfair to ask those who already volunteer their time to attend training courses and answer emergency calls to pay for their own training when they already provide so much to their communities. This will significantly impact the recruitment of new members as well as retention of existing members since many will not be able to pay for their training.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Corporation formally opposes the intended re-appropriation of monies from the dedicated EMT Training Fund, which could shift the burden of funding EMT training to the local municipalities which would result in an increase in local municipal expenses and direct cost to the citizens.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President, Vice Presidents, and Secretary of the Corporation encourage the Corporation's membership to vehemently oppose Governor Corzine's plan to remove money from the EMT Training Fund via phone calls, letters and emails to the Governor and their elected State Representatives.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Governor and the Legislature of the State of New Jersey are requested not to remove any money from the EMT Training Fund and to return any money to the Fund that has already been removed for purposes other than those specified in New Jersey P.L. 1992, chapter 143.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand as Secretary and caused the corporate seal to be affixed hereto this 30 day of April, 2009.

**New Jersey State First Aid Council, Inc.**  
a New Jersey nonprofit corporation

By: 

Name: Barbara A. Platt

Title: Corporate Secretary

