



2025 South Dakota Legislature
House Concurrent Resolution
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ENROLLED

AN ACT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Recognizing emergency medical services personnel and supporting efforts to acknowledge emergency medical service as an essential public service.

WHEREAS, emergency medical services personnel play a critical role in public health and safety by providing lifesaving care to and medical transportation for individuals experiencing medical emergencies, often operating on the frontlines of healthcare; and

WHEREAS, timely access to emergency medical services significantly improves patient outcomes and reduces preventable deaths, particularly in rural areas with limited healthcare access; and

WHEREAS, despite the vital role of emergency medical services personnel, many jurisdictions within this state lack stable funding or the necessary workforce to sustain emergency medical services operations, relying instead on a dwindling volunteer labor force; and

WHEREAS, while the importance of emergency medical services is widely recognized, counties and municipalities are not required by law to maintain service within their jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services should be recognized as an essential public service, reinforcing its fundamental role in healthcare and importance to the public interest;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the One Hundredth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislature recognizes the vital, lifesaving care provided by emergency medical services personnel, and supports efforts to prioritize emergency medical service as an essential public service.

Adopted by the House of Representatives,
Concurred in by the Senate,

February 6, 2025
February 11, 2025

Jon Hansen
Speaker of the House

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of the Senate

Peggy Laurenz
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