RESOLUTION NO. 13-35

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT A LAW THAT WOULD ALLOW MUNICIPALITIES WHICH HAVE FIRE DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES THAT ALSO QUALIFY AS AN ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT TRANSPORT PROVIDER TO AUGMENT EMS TRANSPORT SERVICES FROM ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES AND COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL HOMES IN MUNCIPALITES WHERE 15 OR MORE ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES AND COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL HOMES ARE LOCATED IN CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE RESIDENTS HAVE ACUTE ILLNESSES OR SERIOUS INJURIES THAT REQUIRE EMERGENCY MEDICIAL EVALUATION, TREATMENT AND/OR TRANSPORT.

WHEREAS, Florida law, particularly section 125.01(e), Florida Statutes, delegates the power on County governments to provide ambulance services and health and welfare programs; and

WHEREAS, through the Emergency Medical Transportation Services Act, Florida Statutes §§ 401.2101 et seq., the State of Florida provides comprehensive statewide standards for licensing and inspection of emergency transportation services; and

WHEREAS, municipalities that have a significant population or elderly and other residents living in assisted living facilities and community residential homes have a vested interest in providing emergency medical transport services to these residents; and

WHEREAS, the elderly and other residents living in assisted living facilities (ALFs) and community residential homes (CRHs) are in an extremely vulnerable position where facility operators can choose alternatives to the municipal provider of emergency services, which in some cases, may jeopardize the health, safety and welfare of the residents who may be in need of emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, municipalities that provide Fire Department emergency medical services and qualify as an advanced life support transport provider shall be the primary resource to serve these vulnerable residents when presenting acute illnesses and injuries; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the community to urge the Florida legislature to adopt legislation that would allow municipalities where there is a concentration of 15 or more ALFs and CRHs to augment emergency medical transport services to the elderly and others living in ALFs and CRHs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1: The foregoing facts and recitations contained in the preamble to this resolution are hereby incorporated and adopted by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2: The Mayor and the City Council of the City of Hialeah, Florida hereby urge the Florida Legislature to adopt a law that would allow municipalities which have Fire Department Emergency Medical Services (EMS) that also qualify as an Advanced Life Support Transport Provider to augment EMS transport services from Assisted Living Facilities and Community Residential Homes in municipalities where 15 or more Assisted Living Facilities and Community Residential Homes are located in circumstances where residents have acute illnesses or serious injuries that require emergency medical evaluation, treatment and/or transport.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 09 day of April, 2013.

Isis Garcia-Martinez
Council President

Attest:

Approved on this 12 day of April, 2013.

Marbelys Fajo, Acting City Clerk

Mayor Carlos Hernandez

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

William M. Grodnick, City Attorney

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Resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote with Councilmembers, Caragol, Casals-Muñoz, Cue-Fuente, Garcia-Martinez, Gonzalez, Hernandez and Lozano voting "Yes".