



RESOLUTION 2008-02
Support for the Rural Emergency Medical Services and Trauma
Technical Assistance Center

Whereas, the accomplishments of the Rural Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Trauma Technical Assistance Center (REMSTTAC) have been specifically beneficial to advancing EMS in rural areas; and

Whereas, the type of technical assistance and resources provided through the REMSTTAC are not available elsewhere; and

Whereas, rural emergency medical services systems serve as the safety net for rural health, primary care, and public health; and

Whereas, REMSTTAC has assured that it is guided by exemplary multiagency and multidisciplinary stakeholder input and influence including that of the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO); and

Whereas, there exist unique challenges in the provision of rural EMS and trauma services, and

Whereas, funding for REMSTTAC has ceased.

Now, **therefore be it resolved** that in the event that funding be reinstated for the Health Resources and Services Administration of the US Department of Health and Human Services, Trauma and EMS Program, or for EMS activities in the U.S. Department of Agriculture, or in other agencies, NASEMSO calls upon these agencies to make funding for REMSTTAC a high priority.

Signed this 7th day of October, 2008.

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