

## Resolution 2022-04



### Establishing EMS as an Emergency Support Function

**Whereas**, the nation's emergency medical services (EMS) systems have responded to the COVID-19 pandemic since 2020 to meet the nation's prehospital medical needs; and

**Whereas**, EMS continues to need to be recognized as a care provider and not just a transport service; and

**Whereas**, it is the request of the State EMS Directors and supported by their Health and Medical Preparedness Council that EMS be recognized by our Federal partners as a vital national service and recognize EMS as an independent emergency support function (ESF) and Community Lifeline and not simply include EMS within ESF 1, ESF 4 or ESF 8;

**Now, therefore be it resolved** that NASEMSO hereby requests our Federal partners to support and take the actions necessary to recognize EMS as a valuable national system of care and recognize EMS as an independent emergency support function (ESF) and Community Lifeline as soon as possible.

Submitted by Joe Schmider (TX)

Signed this 23rd day of June, 2022.

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