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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Rural/Metro Medical Services of Central New York upon the occasion of observing National Emergency Medical Services Week, May 19-25, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those organizations within the State of New York which provide vital emergency medical rescue services; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services Week is celebrated annually across the Nation and this year's 40th Anniversary theme is "EMS: Dedicated.

For Life."; the observance recognizes the dedication and compassion of the nation's Emergency Medical Services Providers; and

WHEREAS, Headquartered in Syracuse, New York, Rural/Metro Medical Services is the lifeline to the Central New York community, serving since 1953; the organization is an integral part of the region's health-care delivery system, providing the area's only CAAS Accredited Ambulance service and employing more than 300 dedicated professionals; and WHEREAS, Rural/Metro Medical Services of Central New York achieved a perfect score on its triennial reaccreditation survey for the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Rural/Metro Medical Services of Central New York's crews are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, responding to more than 70,000 calls each year; caring for patients in Onondaga, Cayuga, Madison, Herkimer, Montgomery, and Schoharie Counties, along with the Town of Sullivan in Madison County, it is the primary provider of ambulance services for various communities throughout its six-county service area; and

WHEREAS, Rural/Metro Medical Services of Central New York works collaboratively with volunteer agencies and healthcare organizations to provide a truly integrated approach to the emergency medical needs of

its region; it also funds the EMSupport Grant, administered by the Central New York Community Foundation, which is designed to provide organizations with funds for medical equipment and supplies; and

WHEREAS, Rural/Metro Medical Services of Central New York is the region's largest professional Emergency Medical Services organization and largest American Heart Association training center, teaching more than 2,500 residents the lifesaving skill of CPR each year; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in deliberations to commend Rural/Metro Medical Services of Central New York upon the occasion of observing National Emergency Medical Services Week; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rural/Metro Medical Services of Central New York.