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### **A Resolution in Support of Quality and Reliable Emergency Medical Services in Northwest Harris County**

HOUSTON—The Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors has passed a resolution expressing concern over the ongoing dispute between Cypress Creek Emergency Medical Services (CCEMS) and Harris County Emergency Services District No. 11 (HCESD11), for fear it could cause a disruption or decline in levels of service. Furthermore, the resolution calls for an expeditious and amicable resolution to their differences, and to have both parties publicly convey a plan that ensures continuity of service.

The Chamber was compelled to pass this resolution after members of the community brought their concerns to the board. “The Chamber is not interested in assigning blame or choosing sides on this matter,” said President & CEO, Bobby Lieb. “We are just interested in ensuring the services the community has received for four and a half decades is not negatively impacted over internal contract and legal disputes.”

Cypress Creek EMS was established in 1975 and funded through volunteer contributions from area residents. Located in unincorporated Harris County, there was no municipal fire department to provide this service. The citizens again stepped up in 2004 by agreeing to tax themselves through the creation of the Harris County Emergency Services District ESD 11, formalizing a sustainable source of funding for emergency services for the present and future generations.

“Over 650,000 residents, including 20,000 businesses, depend on these services,” said Tom Petrick, Chair of the Chamber Board of Directors. “Our community benefits from the presence of state-of-the-art hospitals, which also benefit from the emergency medical services. The entire system adds to the wonderful quality of life we experience here in Northwest Harris County,” Petrick continued.

The Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce has provided copies of the resolution to both boards of directors of CCEMS and HCESD11 urging them to quickly resolve their differences and to publicly come forward with plans on how they intend to continue providing reliable and quality emergency services in Northwest Houston.

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## **Resolution in Support of Quality and Reliable Emergency Medical Services in Northwest Harris County**

**WHEREAS**, the service areas of Cypress Creek Emergency Medical Services (CCEMS) and Harris County Emergency Services District 11 (HCESD 11) serve over 650,000 residents and 20,000 businesses in the Northwest Harris County; and

**WHEREAS**, unincorporated Northwest Harris County does not benefit from the services of a municipal government; and

**WHEREAS**, the residents and businesses of Northwest Harris County must rely on special districts, for-profit, and not-for-profit organizations to deliver the necessary services which local governments might otherwise provide; and

**WHEREAS**, the residents and businesses have benefited from the services of CCEMS since 1975, and in, 2004 the citizens of Northwest Harris County voted to tax themselves for the creation of HCESD 11 to further improve and sustain the emergency medical services in the area; and

**WHEREAS**, the residents and businesses of Northwest Harris County are served by quality and nationally recognized hospitals and health care facilities which benefit from the presence of reliable emergency management services; and

**WHEREAS**, the overall quality of life and desirability to live and work in Northwest Harris County can be attributed to the presence of reliable emergency management services and the overall delivery of quality health care services in the area; and

**WHEREAS**, CCEMS and HCESD11 have been engaged in a conflict which has resulted in litigation and a cancellation of contract for services, creating uncertainty over the future of the continuity and levels of service for emergency medical services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, The Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce expresses its deep concern that a prolonged dispute between CCEMS and HCESD11 will result in a loss of and/or decline in levels of service for emergency medical services in Northwest Harris County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, The Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce urges both CCEMS and HCESD11 to reach binding resolution of differences as soon as possible, and to convey publicly a plan of action which ensures continuity of service and maintains or improves the quality of emergency medical services in Northwest Harris County.

Passed by the board of directors of the Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce on this 2nd day of NOVEMBER, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Petrick'.

Tom Petrick, Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert A. Lieb, Jr.'.

Robert A. Lieb, Jr., President & CEO