RESOLUTION NO. 5-0002

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COOPERATIVE DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR AND THE AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR TO ESTABLISH RULES AND REGULATIONS AND RATIFYING ALL EXISTING RULES AND REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, the Solano County Emergency Medical Services Cooperative ("SEMSC") serves as the local EMS agency for Solano County; and

WHEREAS, as the local EMS agency for Solano County, the SEMSC has policymaking authority for EMS matters within the County pursuant to the Emergency Medical Services System and the Prehospital Emergency Medical Care Personnel Act ("Act"), Health & Safety Code section 1797.100, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, administration of the local EMS system requires the making of rules to implement the fundamental policies established by the SEMSC Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, California law permits the SEMSC Board of Directors to delegate rulemaking authority to SEMSC officers to be exercised within the general parameters established by the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the SEMSC Board of Directors desires to delegate rulemaking authority to the Medical Director and the Agency Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the SEMSC Board of Directors desires to remove any possible confusion or doubt as to the legitimacy and effectiveness of all existing rules and regulations of the SEMSC.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that:

- The SEMSC delegates to the Medical Director and the Agency Administrator the power and authority to make rules and regulations relating to the following areas and within the following parameters:
 - A. Medical Control of the EMS System: It shall be the policy of the SEMSC to maintain medical control of the local EMS system in accordance with Health & Safety Code § 1797.100, et seq. The Medical Director and the Agency Administrator, with the Medical Director's approval, are each authorized to make rules and regulations in accordance with Health & Safety Code § 1797.100, et seq., and all other applicable statutes and regulations, to ensure medical control of the EMS system, including but not limited to procedures to require all emergency medical transportation services to meet any and all

- medical control requirements including dispatch, patient destination policies, patient care guidelines, and quality assurance requirements.
- B. <u>Air Ambulances</u>: It shall be the policy of the SEMSC to regulate air ambulances within the meaning of and to the maximum extent permitted by California Code of Regulations § 100276, et seq. The Medical Director and the Agency Administrator are each authorized to make rules and regulations to govern the operation of air ambulances within the County and to implement this policy in accordance with California Code of Regulations § 100276, et seq., and all other applicable statutes and regulations.
- C. Emergency Medical Technician Certification and Discipline: As the certificate-granting agency for Emergency Medical Technicians within the County, it shall be the policy of the SEMSC to issue certificates pursuant to the requirements set forth in Health & Safety Code § 1797, et seq., and California Code of Regulations § 100056, et seq., and to take disciplinary action against any person who violates these sections. The Medical Director and the Agency Administrator are each authorized to make rules and regulations both to govern the certification and discipline of Emergency Medical Technicians within the County and to implement this policy in accordance with Health & Safety Code § 1797, et seq., California Code of Regulations § 100056, et seq., and all other applicable statutes and regulations.
- D. <u>Trauma Care Systems</u>: The SEMSC operates a local trauma care system pursuant to California Code of Regulations § 100236, et seq. It shall be the policy of the SEMSC to operate its trauma care system in the most effective and efficient manner possible. The Medical Director and the Agency Administrator are each authorized to make rules and regulations to govern the establishment and operation of the local trauma care system and to implement this policy in accordance with California Code of Regulations § 100236, et seq., and all other applicable statutes and regulations.
- E. EMS System Quality Improvement: It shall be the policy of the SEMSC to develop and implement a written emergency medical services system quality improvement program pursuant to California Code of Regulations § 100400, et seq. The Medical Director and the Agency Administrator are each authorized to make rules and regulations to govern the establishment and operation of the emergency medical services system quality improvement program in accordance with California Code of Regulations § 100400, et seq., and all other applicable statutes and regulations.
- F. <u>EMS Continuing Education</u>: It shall be the policy of the SEMSC to consider and, when appropriate, approve EMS continuing education providers which have headquarters within Solano County pursuant to California Code of Regulations § 100390, et seq. The Medical Director and the Agency Administrator are each authorized to make rules and regulations to govern the

consideration and approval of EMS continuing education providers in accordance with California Code of Regulations § 100390, et seq., and all other applicable statutes and regulations.

- G. <u>Limitation on Delegations</u>. Nothing in this Resolution is intended to serve or shall serve to grant the Agency Administrator the power and authority to make rules and regulations relating to the medical control of the EMS system without first obtaining the approval of the Medical Director, as required by Health and Safety Code section 1797.220.
- 2. The Medical Director or the Agency Administrator shall present or cause to be presented to the Board of Directors at the next regular meeting of the Board following adoption all rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this delegation. Notwithstanding this requirement, Board approval or ratification shall not be required, and any rules and regulations adopted by the Medical Director or the Agency Administrator shall be effective immediately upon adoption and shall require no action by the Board of Directors.
- The SEMSC Board of Directors ratifies the existing rules and regulations of the SEMSC, as set forth in the attachments to the Agency Administrator's report.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Solano County Emergency Medical Services Cooperative on November 10, 2005, by the following vote:

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NOES:

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ABSTAIN:

Michael D. Johnson

Chair of the SEMSC Board of Directors

Attest:

Jan Homer

SEMSC Secretary