

**RESOLUTION 2018-02
Town of Brooklyn
Green Lake County**

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE GREEN LAKE COUNTY BOARD
TO EXAMINE THE OPTION FOR A
COUNTY-WIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE (EMS)**

WHEREAS, emergency medical services are essential to the people in our community and stable funding and available personnel are essential to continue providing EMS services at current levels of service, meet future demands and sustain the system into the future; and

WHEREAS, EMS in rural areas is a complex, coordinated response and emergency medical care system requiring people and agencies to perform an essential role as part of a coordinated, tiered, and seamless system of emergency medical care; and

WHEREAS, it is well-known that recruitment and retention of emergency medical service (EMS) personnel is a serious and growing challenge, particularly for rural providers with volunteer members. This is due to many challenges including minimal compensation, increased education & training requirements, and time commitments; and

WHEREAS, EMS revenues have declined over the years due to changes in the Federal Medical reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, EMS equipment and personnel costs continue to rise; and

WHEREAS, strict levy limits imposed by the State have complicated and limited the ability for municipalities to effectively manage budgets to address increasing costs for EMS service thru the levy process; and

WHEREAS, under WI §66.0602(3)e(6) the levy limit does not apply to county levies for county-wide emergency medical systems;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Brooklyn respectfully requests the Green Lake County Board consider a county-wide ambulance system and direct a comprehensive feasibility study be performed to explore the potential for a county-wide service to bring stability for emergency medical services within Green Lake County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this signed resolution be forwarded to the Green Lake County Clerk to be provided to the Green Lake County Board for consideration.

Passed, approved and adopted this ____ day of _____, 2018.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

TOWN OF BROOKLYN

_____ AYES

BY: _____

Mike Wuest, Town Chair

_____ NAYS

_____ ABSENT

ATTEST: _____

Marian Mildebrandt, Clerk