**Resolution Supporting the Development of Resuscitation Centers of Excellence and Resuscitation Systems of Care in Florida**

WHEREAS, cardiac arrest is a leading cause of death in Florida, and improvement in survival rates continues to lag behind improvements seen in other time-sensitive diagnosis systems such as trauma, STEMI, or stroke; and

WHEREAS, the Florida EMS Advisory Council, as outlined in section 401.245, Florida Statutes, is committed to facilitating and promoting the best emergency medical care to the residents and visitors of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature recognizes that the systematic provision of emergency medical services saves lives and reduces disability associated with emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a system of care designed to improve efficiency of treatment and outcomes for patients experiencing cardiac arrest with return of spontaneous circulation (ROSC) is a primary goal of the Medical Care Committee; and

WHEREAS, the designation of eligible hospitals as Resuscitation Centers of Excellence and the development of EMS transportation guidelines directing patients to these centers of excellence is a key strategy in achieving this goal;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Florida EMS Advisory Council:

1. Supports the development of Resuscitation Centers of Excellence in Florida, which meet the criteria outlined by the Florida Association of EMS Medical Directors.
2. Encourages EMS agencies and hospitals to collaborate in the creation of Resuscitation Systems of Care, with a focus on performance improvement, data collection/analysis, and enhanced stakeholder engagement.
3. Advocates for the use of evidence-based educational interventions, treatments, and protocols to improve the level of care offered to patients needing active resuscitation.
4. Endorses the development of a “bundle of care” for cardiac arrest and cardiogenic shock patients that can be used to develop EMS, Hospital, and rehabilitation treatment guidelines.
5. Recommends the creation of a network of support systems for survivors of cardiac arrest and their families to enhance their rehabilitation and promote post-event wellness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Florida EMS Advisory Council will work with stakeholders to promote this resolution and the development of Resuscitation Centers of Excellence and Resuscitation Systems of Care in Florida. This draft resolution is based on the mission and vision of the Florida EMS Advisory Council, and the legislative intent for the Florida EMS system. It is designed to provide a clear statement of support for the development of Resuscitation Centers of Excellence and Resuscitation Systems of Care in Florida.