

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )

COUNTY OF PICKENS )

RESOLUTION # 2023-28

**A Resolution in Recognition of Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) Week**

**WHEREAS**, a significant portion of our citizens receive in-home care each year from MIH Professionals;

**WHEREAS**, the needs of chronically ill patients often go untreated due to gaps in care due to today's fragmented healthcare systems; and

**WHEREAS**, the goal of Mobile Integrated Health Providers is to aid in the prevention of over-utilization of emergency departments and emergency medical services agencies for non-emergency conditions, to improve the quality of life of patients, and to reduce the disparities in healthcare access by addressing the social determinants of health; and

**WHEREAS**, Mobile Integrated Health relies on its established partnership within the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) community, as well as multidisciplinary teams of healthcare providers across the emergency and non-emergency care continuum to help states and communities reduce readmissions and assist patients in properly managing their healthcare issues; and

**WHEREAS**, The National Association of Mobile Integrated Healthcare Providers (NAMIHP), the tens of thousands of community members, pre-hospital and hospital-based practitioners it serves, and the professional organizations and federal agencies with which it partners are committed to ensuring the delivery of high-quality mobile integrated healthcare; and

**WHEREAS**, the Paramedical Profession, which is central to the delivery of the Mobile Integrated Healthcare Model, was recently recognized by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) as being part of the Allied Health Personnel team and listed in Medical Subject Headings (MeSH); and

**WHEREAS**, Pickens County has two MIH Programs operating within our county, the COPE program and the Prisma MIH Program; and

**WHEREAS**, it is proper and timely to bring recognition to the value and accomplishments of Mobile Integrated Healthcare and the dedicated personnel who work tirelessly to improve the delivery of care to those suffering chronic illnesses and those most deeply affected by disparities in healthcare access; and

**WHEREAS** the National Association of Mobile Integrated Healthcare Providers (NAMIHP) declares the week of October 8<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and every second week of the month of October in years following as

**"National Mobile Integrated Healthcare Professionals' Week,"**

Now, therefore Pickens County Council does hereby proclaim the week of October 8<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and every second week of the month of October in years following, as:

**"MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS' WEEK"**

As part of National MIH Professionals Week in Pickens County and urge all citizens, Community Paramedics, and MIH Professionals serving the population to celebrate the MIH theme, **MIH: Expanding Healthcare to the Home**, to become familiar with NAMIHP, its programs, and activities in our state and nationally, and to support and participate in educational and outreach programs to increase their knowledge of mobile integrated healthcare practices.

Passed and approved, this 2 day of October, 2023.

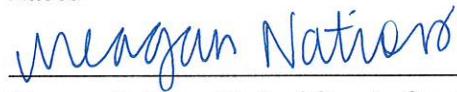
COUNTY COUNCIL OF PICKENS COUNTY,  
SOUTH CAROLINA



Chris Bowers, Chairman of County Council  
Pickens County, South Carolina

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Attest:



Meagan Nations, Clerk of County Council  
Pickens County, South Carolina