

RESOLUTION NO. 01-2001

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BENSON, ARIZONA OPPOSING THE PROPOSED CONSOLIDATION OF THE BENSON, TOMBSTONE AND WILLCOX AMBULANCE SERVICE AREAS, INCREASED RATE LEVELS AND REDUCED SERVICE LEVELS AND URGING THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES TO CONDUCT ITS HEARING REGARDING THE PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE CITY OF BENSON.

WHEREAS, Health Care Innovations, Inc., operates an ambulance service within the communities of Tombstone, Willcox and Benson under three (3) separate certificates of necessity issued by the Arizona Department of Health Services and numbered 43, 95 and 103 respectively; and,

WHEREAS, Health Care Innovations, Inc., has proposed consolidating the three certificates of necessity into a single new certificate; and,

WHEREAS, Health Care Innovations, Inc., has proposed that it be permitted to increase its Advanced Life Support base rate twenty-five percent (25%) and its Basic Life Support base rate thirty percent (30%); and,

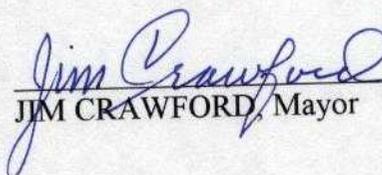
WHEREAS, residents of the City of Benson are presently assessed a tax levy charge of \$.30 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation for all real property owned by them and all of the funds generated by said levy are paid directly to Health Care Innovations, Inc., to subsidize the operation of Benson Ambulance Service and the impact of said direct subsidy does not appear to be reflected in the increased rates sought to be charged Benson area residents.

THEREFORE BE IT NOW RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BENSON, ARIZONA that the Arizona Department of Health Services reject the application of Health Care Innovations, Inc., for consolidation of the three (3) certificates of necessity for ambulance service for the reason that emergency ambulance service provided to Benson residents will be adversely affected by said consolidation and, further, the Arizona Department of Health Services is urged to deny the application of Health Care Innovations, Inc., for increased rates and charges.

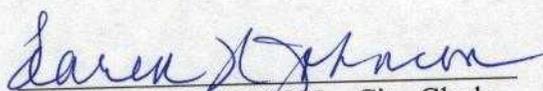
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Arizona Department of Health Services is urged to conduct a hearing into the application of Health Care Innovations, Inc., for consolidation of its certificates of necessity, increased rates and reduced service times in the City of Benson, rather than the single hearing presently scheduled in Phoenix, for the reason that the distance and cost of attending a hearing in Phoenix will preclude many of the affected residents in Cochise County from being heard in opposition to the

proposed changes, all of which are adverse to the best interest of the residents of the City of Benson.

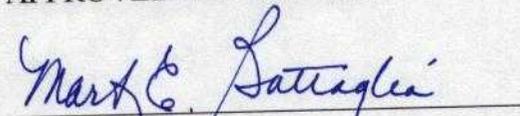
PASSED AND RESOLVED THIS 22ND DAY OF JANUARY, 2001 BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BENSON, ARIZONA.


JIM CRAWFORD, Mayor

ATTEST:


KAREN H. JOHNSON - City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


City Attorney