



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A resolution recognizing Vanderbilt LifeFlight on their 40th anniversary of providing service to Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the Vanderbilt LifeFlight program began operations on July 5, 1984 with one Bell 206 Long Range helicopter; and

WHEREAS, Vanderbilt LifeFlight is the critical care air and ground medical transport service of Vanderbilt University Medical Center, supporting the Level 1 Trauma Center; and

WHEREAS, the LifeFlight program provides the highest level of care possible in the safest manner to the people of our service area, and strives to provide quality education to our colleagues in the emergency services field; and

WHEREAS, Vanderbilt LifeFlight averages more than 3,000 flights per year, serving all parts of Tennessee, utilizing a critical care nurse/critical care paramedic team; and

WHEREAS, today LifeFlight has expanded to nine helicopters, one airplane, and 28 ground ambulances; and

WHEREAS, LifeFlight provides emergency medical care and coverage to millions of people each year at special events as part of its Event Medicine division, including those held at Bridgestone Arena, Vanderbilt University, Belmont University, Ascend Amphitheater, First Tennessee Park/Nashville Sounds, and the Nashville Soccer Club; and

WHEREAS, LifeFlight serves as the Regional Medical Communications Center for Middle Tennessee and assists in disaster planning and coordination; and

WHEREAS, LifeFlight regularly trains more than 3,800 emergency care providers, including first responders, EMTs, AEMTs, Paramedics, Critical Care Paramedics, Police Officers, Firefighters, 911 communicators, emergency nurses and physicians; and

WHEREAS, Vanderbilt LifeFlight is nationally recognized as a leader in patient care and safety and was the first program in Tennessee to receive accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport Systems (CAMTS); and

WHEREAS, in October 2020, Vanderbilt LifeFlight was named Association of Air Medical Services National Program of the Year, which is given to an air medical program that has demonstrated a superior level of patient care, management prowess and quality leadership through visionary and innovative approaches, customer service, safety consciousness, community service and commitment to the medical transport community; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the Metropolitan Council recognize the commitment, dedication and valuable services of the individuals who make the LifeFlight program a success.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. That the Metropolitan Council hereby goes on record as recognizing the commitment, dedication, and invaluable service provided by the individuals who make the Vanderbilt LifeFlight program a success upon the occasion of their 40th anniversary providing such services.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.