

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE
NORTHERN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE**

THESE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION are executed by Kinross Charter Township, Chippewa County, Michigan, the Townships of Bruce, Chippewa, Detour, Hulbert, Pickford, Raber, Rudyard, and Whitefish in Chippewa County Michigan and Marquette Township in Mackinaw County Michigan- for the purpose of forming an Emergency Medical Services Authority (the “Authority”) pursuant to the provisions of Public Acts of Michigan, 1998, as amended (“act 57”)

**ARTICLE I
NAME & OFFICE**

The name of the Authority shall be Northern Emergency Medical Service (**NEMS**) Authority, or Northern EMS Authority DBA as Northern EMS. The principal office of the Authority will be located at 4884 West Curtis Street, Kincheloe, Michigan, 49788, or other such location as may be designated by the governing board of the Authority (as defined in Article IX).

**ARTICLE II
DEFINITIONS**

- A. Act 57 means the Emergency Services to Municipalities Act, 1988 PA 57, as amended.
- B. Articles mean these Articles of Incorporation.
- C. Authority means the Northern EMS Authority.
- D. Board means the Authority’s governing board.
- E. Emergency Medical Services means pre-hospital advanced life support, limited advanced life support, and basic life support emergency medical services.
- F. Incorporating Municipality means a Municipality that is part of this Authority or joins in a manner provided for in the Articles.
- G. Member means either the regular or alternate representative appointed by each Incorporating Municipality to the Board of the Authority pursuant to Article IX.
- H. Municipal Emergency Medical Services means pre-hospital advanced life support, limited advanced life support, and basic life support emergency medical services performed by a municipality rather than by this Authority.
- I. Municipality means a county, city, village, or township.
- J. A non-Incorporating Municipality means a municipality that does not become a part of this Authority.

Other terms shall have such meaning as may be specified in the provisions of these Articles.

**ARTICLE III
INCORPORATING MUNICIPALITIES**

The Incorporating Municipalities creating this Authority are Kinross Charter Township, Chippewa County, Michigan, the Townships of Bruce, Chippewa, Detour, Hulbert, Pickford, Raber, Rudyard, and Whitefish in Chippewa County Michigan and Marquette Township in

Mackinaw County Michigan. (the “Incorporating Municipalities”), Any Municipality that subsequently joins the Authority pursuant to Act 57 and these Articles shall also be an Incorporating Municipality. If any Incorporating Municipality that is a general law city, village, or township shall become a charter city, village, or township, these Articles shall also bind the successor charter township.

ARTICLE IV
PURPOSE

The Northern EMS Authority is established for the purpose of providing Emergency Medical Services in accordance with the authorization contained in Act 57. The Authority shall provide such Emergency Medical Services within the jurisdiction described in Article V of these Articles. The Authority may also provide such Emergency Medical Services outside of the jurisdiction described in Article V of the Articles pursuant to a contract with the Authority by any Non-Incorporating Municipality or any other lawful entity in accordance with Act 57.

ARTICLE V
JURISDICTION

This Authority’s jurisdiction shall include all the territory included within the boundaries of its Incorporating Municipalities as now constituted or as hereafter expanded through annexation, contractual agreement, consolidation, or change of municipal identity. The Authority has exclusive authority to determine how the Emergency Medical Services will be provided within its jurisdiction.

ARTICLE VI
POWERS

- A. The Authority is a body corporate, with power to sue or be sued in any court of competent jurisdiction in the State of Michigan.
- B. The Authority shall possess all the powers now or hereafter granted by Act 57, or by any other applicable statute of the State of Michigan and, by these Articles, and those powers incident to its purposes, including but not limited to the following:
 - 1. Adopt bylaws and rules of administration to accomplish the purposes of Act 57 and these Articles.
 - 2. Apply for and accept grants, loans, or contributions from the federal government or any of its agencies, the State of Michigan or any of its agencies, or any other public or private source.
 - 3. Enter contracts with other entities not otherwise prohibited by law.