

*The Board of Supervisors of
Contra Costa County, California*

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2009/124

Honoring Lauren Kovaleff, Assistant EMS Director for her years of service to Emergency Medical Services and to Contra Costa County

Whereas, Lauren Kovaleff began her nursing career in 1969 after graduating from Louisiana State University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in what was then called the "accident room" at Charity Hospital in New Orleans; and
Whereas, Lauren Kovaleff subsequently moved to the San Francisco Bay area where she worked as an emergency department nurse and as an emergency department charge nurse at San Francisco General Hospital from 1970 to 1978; and
Whereas, while at San Francisco General Hospital, Lauren Kovaleff became one of the first Mobile Intensive Care Nurses (MICNs) to be certified in San Francisco and developed the Paramedic Base Hospital Program at San Francisco General; and
Whereas, Lauren Kovaleff served as a paramedic and MICN instructor at John Adams Community College in San Francisco and as a field MICN working for the San Francisco City and County ambulance service; and
Whereas, in 1978, Lauren Kovaleff began working for the East Bay Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Region Joint Powers Agency (JPA) where she was instrumental in developing Contra Costa County's paramedic program; and
Whereas, in 1980, following the dissolution of the East Bay EMS Region JPA, Lauren Kovaleff joined the staff of the Contra Costa Health Services EMS Agency where she continued developing, expanding, and shaping paramedic and emergency medical services in Contra Costa rising to become Assistant EMS Director in 1987; and
Whereas, Lauren Kovaleff has continued to serve as Assistant EMS Director since 1987 using her knowledge, wisdom, and sound judgment to advocate for those principles in EMS that provide the best benefit for patients cared for by EMS;

THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY HEREBY RESOLVES that Lauren Kovaleff be recognized on the occasion of her retirement from Contra Costa County service for her lifetime contributions to emergency medical service and for her contributions to the people of Contra Costa County.

SUSAN A. BONILLA

Chair,
District IV Supervisor

JOHN GIOIA

District I Supervisor

GAYLE B. UILKEMA

District II Supervisor

MARY N. PIEPHO

District III Supervisor

FEDERAL D. GLOVER

District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: April 7, 2009

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy