

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2011/115

Honoring Art Lathrop, EMS Director for his years of service to Emergency Medical Services and to Contra Costa County

WHEREAS, Art Lathrop began his career in 1965 after graduating from Loyola University of Chicago in 1965 with a Bachelor's degree in political science, followed by a Master's in Urban Studies from Loyola University's Urban Life Institute; and

WHEREAS, Art moved to California in 1968, initially working with the Santa Clara County Planning Department, and then accepting a position with the Bay Area Social Planning Council (the planning arm of the Bay Area United Way). In 1978 he joined the Alameda County Health Care Service Agency, as health care planner, then in 1979 moved to the Alameda County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency as assistant director; and

WHEREAS, in 1986 Art began a 25-year career as EMS Director for Contra Costa County, presiding over implementation of the County's trauma system and establishment of a countywide benefit assessment area to fund the expansion of paramedic services as well as continuing enhancements to the EMS system; and

WHEREAS, Art presided over implementation of many innovative programs and systems in Contra Costa County, including the re-design of county-wide fire paramedic response and ambulance transportation, and trauma systems. Under his leadership and tutelage programs such as HeartSafe Communities, Public Access Defibrillation, STEMI, Stroke, and EMS for Children were developed and implemented; and

WHEREAS, Art has been instrumental in creating the County's disaster medical response system, supporting Hospital Disaster Preparedness, co-serving with Dr. William Walker as the Medical Health Operational Area Coordinator (MHOAC) for Contra Costa since the early 1990s, and promoting the development of the Federal Disaster Medical Assistance Team for the San Francisco Bay Area in 1997, as well as establishment of the Contra Costa Medical Reserve Corps in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Art helped establish the mutli-disciplinary collaboration which has provided the template for the "Gang of Ten"; and

WHEREAS, Art's greatest legacy to Contra Costa County has been his vision and promotion of collaboration, which brought together hospitals, fire and law enforcement agencies, and community partners and in turn created a highly functioning and nationally recognized EMS system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Art Lathrop be recognized on the occasion of his retirement from Contra Costa County service for his lifetime contributions to emergency medical services and for his contributions to the people of Contra Costa County.

GAYLE B. UILKEMA

Chair,
District II Supervisor

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District I Supervisor

MARY N. PIEPHO

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District IV 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: March 22, 2011

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy