

In the matter of: Resolution No. 2017/1

Proclaiming May 21-27, 2017 as Emergency Medical Services Week in Contra Costa County

WHEREAS, emergency medical services (EMS) is a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide compassionate, lifesaving care to those in need twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week; and

WHEREAS, the emergency medical services system consists of emergency medical dispatchers, law enforcement officers, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, first responders, educators, and administrators; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, EMS plays a critical role in public outreach and injury prevention, and is evolving in its role as an important member of the healthcare community; and

WHEREAS, the year 2017 marks the 40th anniversary of the implementation of a paramedic program enhanced EMS System within Contra Costa County; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa EMS System is recognized in the state as a leader in exceptional EMS system performance improvement practices focused on improving patient care outcomes; and

WHEREAS, in the last 10 years the EMS System within Contra Costa County has sustained an exceptional Trauma System and implemented a High Risk Heart Attack (STEMI) System, Stroke System and a Cardiac Arrest System of Care; and **WHEREAS**, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District Board of Directors does hereby proclaim May 21-27, 2017 as Emergency Medical Services Week in Contra Costa County with the theme "EMS STRONG: Always in Service" we encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

FEDERAL D. GLOVER Chair, District V Supervisor JOHN GIOIA CANDACE ANDERSEN District II Supervisor DIANE BURGIS District III Supervisor Thereby 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: May 9, 2017 David J. Twa,