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

In the matter of recognizing May 21 – 27, 2017 as "Emergency Medical Services Week"

Resolution No. 2017/164

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 Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby proclaim the week of May 21 – 27 2017, as "Emergency Medical Services Week" with the theme "EMS STRONG: Always in Service" and encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2017.

FEDERAL D. GLOVER

Chair,

District V Supervisor

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District I Supervisor

**CANDACE** ANDERSEN

District II Supervisor

**DIANE BURGIS** 

District III Supervisor

KAREN MITCHOFF

District IV 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: May 23, 2017

DAVID TWA, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator

By Stephanio Wello, Deputy