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

IN THE MATTER OF recognizing May 20-26, 2018 as **Emergency Medical Services Week** 

Resolution No. 2018/181

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 2018 marks the 41st 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 11 years the FMS 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 Contra Costa County, in recognition of this event, does hereby proclaim the week of May 20 - 26 2018, as EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK with the theme "EMS STRONG: Stronger Together", 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  $22^{nd}$  day of May 2018.

KAREN MITCHOFF

Chair,

District IV Supervisor

JOHN GIOIA

District I Supervisor

DIANE BURGIS

District III Supervisor

**CANDACE ANDERSEN** District II 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: May 22, 2018

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