

SUMMARY REPORT

Agenda Date: 5/13/2025

To: County of Sonoma Board of Supervisors Department or Agency Name(s): Department of Health Services Staff Name and Phone Number: Nolan Sullivan, 707-565-4774; Amelyn Olson, 707-565-2696 Vote Requirement: Majority Supervisorial District(s): Countywide

Recommended Action:

Adopt a Gold Resolution proclaiming the week of May 18 to May 24, 2025, as Emergency Medical Services Week in Sonoma County.

Executive Summary:

The local Emergency Medical Services system in Sonoma County is comprised of numerous private and public sector organizations such as fire departments and districts, law enforcement departments, air and ground ambulance service providers, hospitals, county parks, and 9-1-1 dispatch centers. The Emergency Medical Services team includes dispatchers, first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, nurses, physicians, educators, administrators, firefighters, and citizen advisory groups. Together, these organizations and individuals provide the citizens of and visitors to Sonoma County with responsive, high-quality emergency medical services. This item will designate the week of May 18 to May 24, 2025, as a period to honor their service and the excellence of the Sonoma County system.

Discussion:

Each year one week is designated to recognize those persons and agencies that make up the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) team and to educate the public about the services provided.

For 2025, May 18th through 24th has been designated National Emergency Medical Services Week, with the theme "We Care. For Everyone." Emergency Medical Services providers in the County use this week to acknowledge and commend the work of their staff in providing quality medical care.

The focal event for Emergency Medical Services Week activities in Sonoma County is the Sonoma County Survivors Reunion sponsored by the Sonoma County Paramedic Association. The 31st annual recognition of patient survivors and their rescuers will include local emergency response agencies and dignitaries joining together to recognize our local heroes. The reunion is always a touching celebration of lives saved. The Department of Health Services requests the adoption of a Gold Resolution honoring the service of the people in the Sonoma County EMS System.

Prior Board Actions:

Resolutions proclaiming Emergency Medical Services Week in Sonoma County have been adopted each May for many years, most recently May 21, 2024.

FISCAL SUMMARY Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts: N/A

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

N/A

Attachments:

Attachment 1 - Resolution

Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:

None