



Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

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Vote Requirement: Majority

Supervisory District(s): Countywide

Recommended Action:

Adopt a Gold Resolution proclaiming the week of May 15 to May 21, 2022 as Emergency Medical Services (EMS) 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.

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 2022, May 15-21, has been designated National Emergency Medical Services Week, with the theme "Rising to the Challenge." Emergency Medical Services providers in the County use this week to acknowledge and commend the work of their staff in providing quality medical care. This year marks the 39th anniversary of the Sonoma County Emergency Medical Services system.

The focal event for Emergency Medical Services Week activities in Sonoma County is the Survivor's Reunion, sponsored by the Sonoma County Paramedic Association. The 28th annual recognition of patient survivors and rescuers will include local emergency response agencies and dignitaries joining together in recognizing our local heroes. The reunion is always a touching celebration of lives saved.

Prior Board Actions:

Resolutions proclaiming Emergency Medical Services Week in Sonoma County have been adopted each May for many years, most recently May 11, 2021.

FISCAL SUMMARY

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

None

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

None

Attachments:

Gold Resolution

Related Items “On File” with the Clerk of the Board:

None