

**COUNTY OF SONOMA
AGENDA ITEM
SUMMARY REPORT**

Clerk of the Board Use Only
 Meeting Date _____ Held Until _____
 Agenda Item No: _____ Agenda Item No: _____

Department: Health Services

() 4/5 Vote Required

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Board Date:
5/12/09

Deadline for Board Action:
5/12/09

AGENDA SHORT TITLE: Emergency Medical Services Week

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:

Resolution declaring May 17 – 23, 2009 as Emergency Medical Services Week in Sonoma County.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT

EXPENDITURES

ADD'L FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL

Estimated Cost \$ 0

Contingencies
(Fund Name:)

Amount Budgeted

Unanticipated Revenue
(Source:)

Other Avail Approp
(Explain below)

Other Transfer(s)
(Source:)

Additional Requested: \$ 0

Add'l Funds Requested: \$ 0

Explanation (if required):

Prior Board Action(s): 5/13/08 – Resolution declaring May 18 – 24, 2008 Emergency Medical Services Week.

Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval: Lost opportunity to recognize hundreds of volunteer and professional Emergency Medical Services personnel for their dedicated and heroic work.

BACKGROUND:

The local Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system in Sonoma County is comprised of numerous private and public sector organizations such as fire departments and districts, county parks, law enforcement departments, air and ground ambulance service providers, hospitals, and 9-1-1 dispatch centers. The EMS team includes dispatchers, first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, nurses, physicians, educators, administrators, and citizen advisory groups. Together, these organizations and individuals provide the citizens of and visitors to Sonoma County with responsive, top quality EMS services.

Each year, one week is designated to recognize those persons and agencies that make up the EMS team and to educate the public about the services provided. This year, May 17 – 23 has been designated as National EMS Week. EMS providers in the County use this week to acknowledge and commend the work of their staff in providing quality medical care. This year, 2009, additionally marks the twenty-eighth anniversary of the Sonoma County EMS system.

The signature event for EMS Week activities in Sonoma County is the Survivors' Reunion sponsored by the Sonoma County Paramedic Association. The sixteenth annual reunion of patient survivors and rescuers will be held on May 21, 2009, at the Benziger Family Winery. The reunion is always a touching celebration of gratitude for lives saved.

Attachments: Resolution declaring May 17 – 23, 2009 as Emergency Medical Services Week in Sonoma County.

On File With Clerk: None.

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Board Action (If other than "Requested")	Vote: