



THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING
MAY 17-23, 2026 AS

Emergency Medical Services Week

In Recognition of the Essential Role EMS Professionals Serve in Safeguarding the Health and Safety of All Who Live In and Visit San Mateo County

WHEREAS, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) professionals are a vital part of the public safety and healthcare system, delivering timely, evidence-based care wherever and whenever it is needed, often serving as the first point of contact in times of crisis for all in the community; and

WHEREAS, access to quality care through a coordinated Countywide EMS system significantly reduces morbidity and mortality among residents and visitors of San Mateo County who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, this system is collaboratively delivered by paramedics, emergency medical technicians, dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, lifeguards, emergency nurses, physicians, educators, trained members of the public, and EMS leadership—who together form a vital safety net for residents and visitors to San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES professionals serve on the front lines of care under challenging conditions, coordinating across disciplines and agencies to deliver timely, safe, and effective care as a critical link in the continuum from initial response through definitive treatment; and

WHEREAS, the theme of **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK 2026**—“Improving Outcomes, Together”—recognizes the vital role that collaboration and cooperation among those working in and supporting the EMS system – including fire service first responders, ground and air emergency ambulance service personnel, emergency medical dispatchers, law enforcement officers, hospital staff, public health workers, and community partners – serves in delivering coordinated service and high-quality care to the public;

WHEREAS, EMS systems continue to evolve to meet the needs of the San Mateo County community by expanding access to care, strengthening interdisciplinary partnerships, and leveraging data, shared protocols, and innovative technologies to improve coordination and outcomes across the system; and

WHEREAS, it is both fitting and necessary to recognize these professionals whose work saves lives, strengthens communities, and ensures that help is always just a single call away.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates May 17–23, 2026 as **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK** and encourages all residents to recognize and thank the dedicated EMS professionals who care for us all.

Dated: May 19, 2026

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