## PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MAY 21 THROUGH 27, 2023 AS

## **Emergency Medical Services Week**

WHEREAS, emergency medical services are a vital public service; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

**WHEREAS**, equitable access to quality care through a coordinated and integrated countywide emergency medical services system dramatically reduces the morbidity and mortality of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

**WHEREAS**, emergency medical care begins with dedicated individuals providing evidencebased out-of-hospital care, serving as an essential healthcare safety net for those in need; and

**WHEREAS**, the emergency medical services system consists of first responders, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, trained members of the public, and other out-of-hospital medical care providers, educators and leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, these professionals are integral to the chain of survival – serving on healthcare's front line where emergency medical care begins, working long hours under difficult situations, and frequently risking their own safety to care for others; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in many hours of specialized training and continuing education to maintain and enhance their lifesaving skills; 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 PROCLAIMED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates May 21 through 27, 2023 as Emergency Medical Services Week.

**Dated:** May 23, 2023

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