

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MAY 20-26, 2012 AS

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) WEEK

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system is a vital public service that positively contributes to the quality of life in our community where, through the EMS system, those who experience illness and injury are provided universal access to quality emergency medical care 24 hour a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, the San Mateo County EMS system responded to 46,594 9-1-1 emergency medical calls; and

WHEREAS, the success of the San Mateo County EMS system begins with the commitment of our prehospital providers including more than 30 San Mateo County Fire/EMS Public Safety Dispatchers who answer the calls and stay in communication with the caller until help arrives; and the more than 825 San Mateo County Pre-Hospital Emergency Medical Services Group (JPA) emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and paramedic fire first responders and more than 150 American Medical Response (AMR) transporting EMTs and paramedics who provide basic and advanced prehospital emergency medical care for the patient from the scene to the hospital; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County EMS system is further enhanced by the dedicated hospitals that comprise our system including 9 primary receiving hospitals, 2 designated trauma centers and 5 designated stroke centers where hundreds of highly skilled physicians, nurses and technicians continue to provide quality care to those who have accessed the San Mateo County EMS system; and

WHEREAS, all of the San Mateo County EMS system prehospital and hospital professionals engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County EMS health care professionals contribute to the daily health and safety of our community through their numerous illness and injury prevention efforts including public education and outreach about the risks and recognition of stroke and heart disease, child passenger safety, older adult falls, bicycle safety, CPR and Automatic External Defibrillation (AED) trainings; and

WHEREAS, it is only fitting to recognize the thousands of brave men and women of the San Mateo County EMS system who day in and day out give tirelessly of themselves to keep our community healthy with this year's National EMS Week theme: "EMS: More Than A job - A Calling";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates the week of May 20-26 as Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week and calls upon its residents to join San Mateo County in celebration of National EMS Week.

Dated: MAY 15, 2012

SUPERVISORS:

ADRIENNE TISSIER, PRESIDENT

DAVID PINE

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ROSE JACOBS GIBSON

Attest:

Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

