

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MAY 19 THROUGH MAY 25, 2013 AS

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) WEEK

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system is a vital public service that contributes positively to the quality of life in our community by providing access to emergency medical care 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year to anyone in need; and

WHEREAS, quality emergency medical care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rates of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, the success of the San Mateo County EMS system begins with the commitment of our pre-hospital providers, including more than 30 San Mateo County Fire/EMS Public Safety dispatchers who answer the 911 calls and stay in communication with callers until help arrives; more than 825 San Mateo County Pre-Hospital Emergency Medical Services Group (JPA) fire-based emergency medical technicians (EMSs) and paramedics who arrive and initiate basic and advanced emergency medical care; and more than 150 American Medical Response (AMR) transporting EMTs and paramedics who continue providing basic and advanced emergency treatment from the scene through transport to the hospital; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County EMS system is fortunate to include dedicated hospitals and specialty care centers including: 8 primary receiving hospitals, 2 designated trauma centers, 6 designated stroke centers and 5 newly designated STEMI (ST-Elevation MI) heart attack centers that are staffed by hundreds of highly skilled physicians, nurses and technicians who promptly provide quality emergency and specialty care services to those who have been transported to them by ambulance or have accessed care on their own; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County EMS Agency and its EMS system partners strive day in and day out to make sure we get the right patient to the right place at the right time; and

*WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and accomplishments of all of our EMS practitioners – dispatchers, EMTs, paramedics, doctors, nurses and technicians by observing **National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week** with this year's fitting theme of EMS: One Mission. One Team.*

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, does hereby proclaim the week of May 19 through May 25, 2013 as **Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week** and calls upon all residents to join San Mateo County Emergency Medical Services in celebration of **National EMS Week**.

Dated: May 21, 2013

SUPERVISORS:

DON HORSLEY, PRESIDENT

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ADRIENNE J. TISSIER

Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors