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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Shelli Brobst for HOWARD HIMES - Director
Health & Human Services Administration

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SUBJECT: Proclamation declaring May 18-24, 2014 as "Napa County Emergency Medical Services Increased Cardiac Arrest Survivors Week"

RECOMMENDATION

Presentation of a Proclamation to Karen Smith, M.D., Public Health Officer, from the American Heart Association and the Board of Supervisors, in recognition of May 18-24, 2014 as "Napa County Emergency Medical Services Increased Cardiac Arrest Survivors Week."

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The American Heart Association (AHA) wishes to co-present a proclamation to recognize the Napa County Public Health Department and local EMS Agency on its efforts to increase the County's sudden cardiac arrest survival rate to 20.5 percent, which is more than twice the national average. The Napa County EMS Agency and the AHA are working together and aim to help local Napa County communities to improve their cardiovascular health and increase the chances that anyone who suffers a cardiovascular emergency will have the best possible chance for survival.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of

Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Cardiac arrest, also known as sudden cardiac arrest (SCA), is the abrupt loss of heart function in a person who may or may not have diagnosed heart disease. The time and mode of death are unexpected and usually occur instantly or shortly after symptoms appear.

Nationally, only seven (7) out of every 100 Americans (7%) who experience SCA survive. SCA kills more Americans each year than breast cancer, lung cancer, prostate cancer, and AIDS combined. It has been estimated that on average, approximately 900 Americans die each day due to complications from SCA.

The Napa County EMS Agency and the AHA are working together and aim to help local Napa County communities to improve their cardiovascular health and increase the chances that anyone who suffers a cardiovascular emergency will have the best possible chance for survival.

The American Heart Association (AHA) has recognized that the county's dispatchers, first responders, EMT's, paramedics, hospital nurses and physicians, the Napa County Public Health Department and the Napa County EMS Agency have helped increase the County's SCA survival rate to 20.5 percent, which is more than twice the national average. The AHA encourages and promotes community awareness regarding cardiovascular health and the potential for saving the lives of persons with cardiac emergencies.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Proclamation

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Karen Collins