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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Shelli Brobst for Snowden, Randolph F. - Director
Health & Human Services
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SUBJECT: Proclamation declaring May 20-26, 2007 as "Emergency Medical Services Week" in Napa County

RECOMMENDATION

Presentation of a proclamation declaring May 20-26, 2007 as Emergency Medical Services Week in Napa County.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is an essential public safety function. This proclamation recognizes the importance of emergency medical services providers by designating May 20-26 as "Emergency Medical Services Week" in Napa County.

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

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is easily recognized when one sees emergency vehicles or helicopters responding to incidents in the community, but it is, in fact, much more. It is an intricate system of agencies and organizations, communications and transportation networks, and trauma systems. It comprises hospitals, trauma

centers and specialty care centers, rehabilitation facilities, and highly trained professionals – including volunteer and career pre-hospital personnel, physicians, nurses, therapists, administrators, government officials, and an informed public that knows what to do in a medical emergency. Each component of the EMS system has an essential job to perform as part of a coordinated system of care.

The Napa County EMS Agency is a participant in the tri-county EMS regional system consisting of Napa, Sonoma, and Mendocino Counties. The EMS Agency participates in a cooperative county effort to prepare for disasters and medical emergencies. It also provides oversight of the EMS system and processes certification and accreditation of emergency medical technicians, paramedics, and emergency medical dispatchers.

The Emergency Medical Care Committee, Public Information and Education Committee, and EMS Agency encourage all citizens of our community to become aware of the Napa County EMS System and to help celebrate and recognize National EMS Week May 20-26, 2007. The EMS Week theme is “EMS: Extraordinary People, Extraordinary Service.”

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Emergency Medical Services Week Proclamation

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita