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HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY

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HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY
ADMINISTRATION

April 17, 2001

Agenda: May 8, 2001

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Subject: Emergency Medical Services Week May 20-26, 2001

Dear Members of the Board:

“Emergency Medical Services: Answering the Call” is the theme of EMS Week 2001. Celebrating EMS Week has as its goals:

- To educate the public about the EMS system and its appropriate use
- To educate the public about injury prevention, and how to recognize and respond to an emergency, and
- To show appreciation for the contributions of every member of the EMS team

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve the attached proclamation declaring the week of May 20-26, 2001 as **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK** and encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

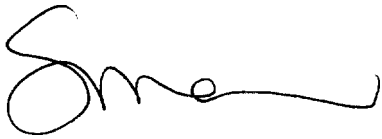
Sincerely

Rama Khalsa, Ph.D.
HSA Administrator

Attachment: Proclamation

RECOMMENDED

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Susan A. Mauriello
County Administrative Officer

CC: County Administrative Office
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
HSA Administration

Presentation of "First There, First Care" kits to follow.

PROCLAMATION

To Designate the Week of May 20-26 as Emergency Medical Services Week

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

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

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

WHEREAS, emergency medical services providers have traditionally served as the safety net of America's health care system; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services teams consist of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators, and others; and

WHEREAS, the members of teams, career and volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, citizens benefit daily from the knowledge and skills of these highly trained individuals; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week; and

WHEREAS, injury prevention and the appropriate use of the EMS system will help reduce health care costs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the members of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, in recognition of this event, do hereby proclaim the week of May 20-26, 2001 as

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

And encourage the community to celebrate this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.