



A Tradition of Stewardship  
A Commitment to Service

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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Teresa Zimny for HOWARD HIMES - Director  
Health & Human Services Administration  
**REPORT BY:** Teresa Zimny, Program Manager II - 253-4297  
**SUBJECT:** Proclamation Declaring May 18-24, 2014 "Emergency Medical Services Week"

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Presentation of a Proclamation to Dr. Karen Smith, Napa County Public Health Officer, declaring May 18-24, 2014 as "Emergency Medical Services Week" in Napa County.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is a coordinated system of care providing essential public safety services. Today's proclamation recognizes the importance of providers of emergency medical services by designating May 18-24 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**

National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week brings together communities and medical personnel to promote safety, educate the public about their local EMS system, and honor those who are dedicated to providing day-to-day lifesaving services on emergency medicine's front line. Access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury.

EMS is a vital public service and the members of Napa County are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. The EMS system consists of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, law enforcement, dispatchers, educators, administrators and others.

The members of the Emergency Medical Services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills. It is appropriate to recognize the accomplishments of the emergency medical services providers by proclaiming: **May 18-24, 2014 as National Emergency Medical Services Week** with the theme: ***"EMS. Dedicated For Life."***

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

A . Presentation of Proclamation EMS Week

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Karen Collins