

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING
THE MONTH OF MAY
TRAUMA AWARENESS MONTH
THE WEEK OF MAY 18-24, 2008
NATIONAL EMS WEEK
AND THE DAY OF MAY 21, 2008
NATIONAL EMS FOR CHILDREN DAY**

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

WHEREAS, the members of 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 medical and trauma care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, the emergency medical services system consists of emergency medical dispatchers, emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators, and others; and

WHEREAS, the needs of children are different than those of adults in medical emergencies; and EMS for Children assists in the development of training programs and guidelines for emergency care providers so that children receive timely, appropriate care; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County has made significant improvements in emergency cardiac care including emergency medical dispatching, encouraging implementation of public access defibrillation programs, updating protocols, procedures and equipment for EMS providers; and Santa Barbara County has seen an increased number of persons surviving a sudden cardiac arrest since these improvements have been made; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Medical Services Agency in collaboration with General Services will place in service two automated external defibrillators (AED) in the South and North County Administration Buildings for Board of Supervisors, County staff and public access; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors does observe the month of May 2008 as Trauma Awareness Month, the week of May 18 – 24, 2008 as National EMS Week, and May 21, 2008 as National EMS for Children Day in recognition of the contributions of all EMS personnel working in the pre-hospital, hospital, and educational settings in the County of Santa Barbara.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this twentieth day of May 20, 2008, by a unanimous vote of all members present.