

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING  
THE WEEK OF MAY 19 – 25, 2024  
NATIONAL EMS WEEK**

*WHEREAS, emergency medical services is a vital public service and the members of emergency medical services teams consisting of emergency medical dispatchers, emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators, and others, 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 for adults and children recognizing that the needs of these populations are different, thus the development of training programs and guidelines are specialized for child populations; and*

*WHEREAS, the County's providers embody the values of the Santa Barbara County Emergency Medical Services System, by ensuring Community Access and Education, providing Hands Only CPR or Stop the Bleed courses to the public; Provider Safety and Support, developing and delivering EMS education initiatives; and Clinical Excellence, providing award winning clinical care; and*

*WHEREAS, the County's EMS System continues to be recognized as a leader in cardiac arrest survival, with a survival predication rate far exceeding the national average; and*

*WHEREAS, this year celebrates the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of EMS week, first established by President Gerald Ford in 1974; and*

*WHEREAS, we honor and recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers and the contributions of these providers in advancing EMS care within the County by "Honoring our Past, Forging our Future", designating Emergency Medical Services Week.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors does observe the week of May 19-25, 2024 as National EMS Week.**

**PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this twenty-first day of May 2024, by a unanimous vote of all members present.**