

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING
THE WEEK OF MAY 20-26, 2018
NATIONAL EMS WEEK
AND THE DAY OF MAY 23, 2018
NATIONAL EMS FOR CHILDREN DAY**

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, Santa Barbara County has made significant improvements in emergency medical care including, development of Specialty Care Systems, implementation of a new provider Cardiac Arrest Management protocol, encouraging public access defibrillation programs, updating protocols, new 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 EMS System partners will be supporting various events in the County to promote child safety; and

WHEREAS, we honor and recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers and the contributions of these providers in keeping our residents safe and healthy by designating Emergency Medical Services Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors does observe the week of May 20 – 26, 2018 as National EMS Week, and May 23, 2018 as National EMS for Children Day in the County of Santa Barbara.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this fifteenth day of May 2018, by a unanimous vote of all members present.