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Legislation Text

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Adopt and present a resolution recognizing May 19-25, 2019 as Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week in Solano County (Supervisor Thomson)

Published Notice Required? Yes ☐ No ☒
Public Hearing Required? Yes ☐ No ☒

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Health and Social Services (H&SS) recommends that the Board adopt and present a resolution recognizing May 19-25, 2019 as Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week in Solano County.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) has designated May 19-25, 2019 as National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week. National EMS Week brings together local communities and medical personnel to publicize safety and to honor the dedication of those who provide the day-to-day lifesaving services of medicine's front line. EMS Week is a national salute to the emergency physicians, emergency medical technicians (EMTs), paramedics, firefighters, emergency medical dispatchers, law enforcement agencies, medical flight teams, educators, administrators, and others who provide quality lifesaving emergency care to our nation's residents.

The Public Health Division within H&SS includes the County's EMS Agency which is responsible for monitoring and oversight of the County contracted ambulance service providers as well as designation and monitoring of Trauma Centers, STEMI Centers and Emergency Departments approved for pediatrics. In Solano County, there are approximately 1,400 EMTs and paramedics who provide daily EMS care to Solano County residents and visitors. EMS employs a group of professionals who plan the coordination of all the components needed to efficiently respond to individual and community emergencies. Core values include: rapid response to minimize the time from emergency event to arrival of resources; competency in practice in applying clinical field medicine to highest standards using best practices; and accountability to measure, validate, report, and improve processes for the delivery of care. During the Camp Fire that occurred in Butte County in November 2018, Solano County sent critical resources to support local responders, including a strike team of five ambulances, one Disaster Medical Services Unit (DMSU), and two supervisors to assist with the response and mitigation efforts.

The 2019 national theme is "EMS STRONG is BEYOND the CALL," and activities are planned to honor EMS providers. On Tuesday, May 21, 2019, Solano County will be facilitating an EMS Awards and Recognition Banquet located at the Sunrise Event Center in Vacaville. On Wednesday, May 22, 2019, Solano County EMS partners will offer free public CPR and Stop the Bleed training sessions at the Solano Town Center.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The costs associated with preparing the agenda item are nominal and absorbed by the department's FY2018/19 Adopted Budget. The costs associated with preparation and purchase of the resolution materials are included in the Board's FY2018/19 Adopted Budget.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could choose not to adopt this resolution. This is not recommended because this is an opportunity to recognize the hard work and dedication of Emergency Medical Services providers in Solano County.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The following organizations are involved with EMS Week in Solano County: Medic Ambulance, City Fire Departments, District Fire Departments, Police, Sheriff's Office, California Highway Patrol, CALSTAR Air Ambulance, Reach Air Ambulance, Kaiser Permanente, NorthBay Medical Center, and various ambulance transport companies.

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION