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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 84

Introduced by Assembly Member Rodriguez

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 84—Relative to emergency medical services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 84, as amended, Rodriguez. Emergency Medical Services Week.

This measure would proclaim the week of May 18, 2014, through May 24, 2014, as Emergency Medical Services Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, It is estimated that there are over 840,000
2 emergency medical services personnel in the United States,
3 including over ~~15,000~~ 80,000 in the State of California; and

4 WHEREAS, Emergency medical services are a vital public
5 service and the members of emergency medical services teams are
6 ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day,
7 seven days a week; and

8 WHEREAS, The emergency medical services system consists
9 of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical

1 technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators,
2 and others; and

3 WHEREAS, The members of emergency medical services teams,
4 whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of
5 specialized training and continuing education to enhance their
6 lifesaving skills; and

7 WHEREAS, Approximately 25 to 30 million patients nationwide
8 and over two million patients throughout California receive
9 emergency medical services each year; and

10 WHEREAS, Access to quality emergency medical care
11 dramatically improves the survival and recovery rates of those
12 who experience sudden illness or injury; and

13 WHEREAS, The American College of Emergency Physicians
14 was instrumental in establishing National Emergency Medical
15 Services Week to honor the lifesaving efforts of emergency medical
16 services personnel; and

17 WHEREAS, President Gerald Ford proclaimed the first
18 Emergency Medical Services Week in November of 1974; and

19 *WHEREAS, This is the 40th anniversary of National Emergency*
20 *Medical Services Week; and*

21 *WHEREAS, The theme of Emergency Medical Services (EMS)*
22 *Week is "EMS: Dedicated for Life." This theme has a dual*
23 *meaning; first, it demonstrates that emergency medical services*
24 *providers are dedicated to saving lives, and second, it expresses*
25 *the sense of duty to aid others that is inherent in the profession*
26 *and stays with an emergency medical services provider for life;*
27 *and*

28 WHEREAS, It is appropriate to recognize the value and
29 accomplishments of emergency medical services personnel by
30 designating Emergency Medical Services Week in California;
31 now, therefore, be it

32 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
33 *thereof concurring, That the Legislature proclaims the week of*
34 *May 18, 2014, through May 24, 2014, as Emergency Medical*
35 *Services Week in California; and be it further*

36 *Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies*
37 *of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.*

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