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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 84

Introduced by Assembly Member Rodriguez

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January 17, 2014

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 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
10 technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators,
11 and others; and

12 WHEREAS, The members of emergency medical services teams,
13 whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of
14 specialized training and continuing education to enhance their
15 lifesaving skills; and

16 WHEREAS, Approximately 25 to 30 million patients nationwide
17 and over two million patients throughout California receive
18 emergency medical services each year; and

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

22 WHEREAS, The American College of Emergency Physicians
23 was instrumental in establishing National Emergency Medical
24 Services Week to honor the lifesaving efforts of emergency medical
25 services personnel; and

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

28 WHEREAS, This is the 40th anniversary of National Emergency
29 Medical Services Week; and

30 WHEREAS, The theme of Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
31 Week is “EMS: Dedicated for Life.” This theme has a dual
32 meaning; first, it demonstrates that emergency medical services
33 providers are dedicated to saving lives, and second, it expresses
34 the sense of duty to aid others that is inherent in the profession
35 and stays with an emergency medical services provider for life;
36 and

37 WHEREAS, It is appropriate to recognize the value and
38 accomplishments of emergency medical services personnel by
39 designating Emergency Medical Services Week in California;
40 now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
2 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature proclaims the week of
3 May 18, 2014, through May 24, 2014, as Emergency Medical
4 Services Week in California; and be it further
5 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
6 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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