

## **Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 84**

### **RESOLUTION CHAPTER 53**

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

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#### **LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST**

ACR 84, Rodriguez. Emergency Medical Services Week.

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

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

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

WHEREAS, The emergency medical services system consists of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators, and others; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, The theme of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week is “EMS: Dedicated for Life.” This theme has a dual meaning; first, it demonstrates that emergency medical services providers are dedicated to saving lives, and second, it expresses the sense of duty to aid others that is

inherent in the profession and stays with an emergency medical services provider for life; and

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

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

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