

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 171

Introduced by Assembly Member Rodriguez

April 18, 2016

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 171—Relative to emergency medical services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 171, as introduced, Rodriguez. Emergency Medical Services Week.

This measure would proclaim the week of May 15, 2016, to May 21, 2016, 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

1 WHEREAS, Emergency medical services providers are
2 dedicated to saving lives and possess a sense of duty to aid others
3 that is inherent in the profession and stays with an emergency
4 medical services provider for life; and

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

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

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

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

17 WHEREAS, This is the 42nd anniversary of National Emergency
18 Medical Services Week; and

19 WHEREAS, The theme of Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
20 Week is “Called to Care”; and

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

25 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
26 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims the week of
27 May 15, 2016, to May 21, 2016, as Emergency Medical Services
28 Week in California; and be it further

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