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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 171

Introduced by Assembly Member Rodriguez

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April 18, 2016

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 171, as amended, 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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