

**Introduced by Senator Strickland  
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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 32—Relative to emergency medical services.

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SCR 32, as introduced, Strickland. Emergency Medical Services Week.

This measure would declare the week of May 17 to 23, 2009, to be Emergency Medical Services Week in California in recognition of all persons engaged in emergency medical services activities and would encourage all Californians to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Each year residents of, and visitors to, California  
2 require emergency medical care for traumatic injuries, burns,  
3 poisonings, spinal cord injuries, heart attacks, and other critical  
4 medical emergencies; and  
5 WHEREAS, Emergency medical care personnel, including, but  
6 not limited to, emergency medical dispatchers, first responders,  
7 emergency medical technicians, emergency medical  
8 technician-defibrillators, paramedics, nurses, physicians,  
9 firefighters, educators, and administrators, whether volunteers or  
10 paid personnel, give selflessly of themselves for the welfare of  
11 others; and

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of California benefit from the  
2 knowledge, skills, and dedication of these emergency medical  
3 services (EMS) specialists, as they work together to ensure prompt  
4 and appropriate treatment at the scene of the medical emergency,  
5 on the way to the hospital, and in the emergency department; and

6 WHEREAS, California has a wide range of emergency medical  
7 providers, including, but not limited to, local first responder units,  
8 first aid and rescue squads, ambulance services, mobile intensive  
9 care programs, an air EMS response program, specialty burn care,  
10 a poison information and education center, designated trauma  
11 centers, and other vital services that have the potential to save lives  
12 and reduce disabilities for the critically ill or injured in our  
13 community; and

14 WHEREAS, Advances in emergency medical care have  
15 increased the number of lives saved every year in California; and

16 WHEREAS, It is important for the citizens of California to know  
17 about our EMS system, including what to do and who to call in a  
18 medical emergency, and to benefit from reminders about ways to  
19 prevent emergencies from occurring; and

20 WHEREAS, California desires to continue to improve its EMS  
21 system in order to assure all citizens the highest standards of  
22 emergency medical care; now, therefore, be it

23 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
24 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature declares the week of May  
25 17 to 23, 2009, to be Emergency Medical Services Week in  
26 California in recognition of all persons engaged in EMS activities  
27 and encourages all Californians to observe this week with  
28 appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities; and be it further

29 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
30 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.