

THE COUNTY OF FRESNO

Board of Supervisors

PROCLAMATION



Whereas~ National Emergency Medical Services Week, is observed annually during the third full week in May, and first dedicated by President Gerald Ford in 1974, to recognize the vital role of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) professionals in providing critical care; and

Whereas~ in 1975, the County of Fresno developed and taught the first paramedic training course in the central valley at the then Valley Medical Center, where 25 individuals graduated as paramedics representing local agencies, including Fresno Ambulance, City of Fresno Fire Department, Jones Ambulance, and Mid-Valley Fire Protection District; and

Whereas~ this May 2025, Fresno County Emergency Services Systems is celebrating its 50-year anniversary of providing education, resources, facilities and coordinated delivery of emergency medical services and response in Fresno County; and

Whereas~ since 1975, the Fresno County Paramedic Training Course has continued to train over 1,600 paramedics, which consists of 1,400 hours of classroom, hospital, and field instruction. The County of Fresno has certified 13,382 Emergency Medical Technicians and First Responders, 2,053 Paramedics, 532 EMS Dispatchers, 1,248 Mobile Intensive Care Nurses, and 1,020 Base Hospital Physicians; and

Whereas~ the County of Fresno is the designated regional EMS agency with a service area that encompasses the counties of Fresno, Kings, Madera, and Tulare, and is named the Central California EMS Agency; and

Whereas~ in 2024, the EMS system responded to nearly 300,000 calls for service and transported over 200,000 individuals utilizing 14 ambulance providers, 42 first responder agencies, and 3 helicopter agencies to provide prehospital emergency care.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims May 18 through May 24, 2025, as National Emergency Medical Services Week in the County of Fresno and will like to celebrate Fresno County EMS's 50th year of service and wishes to honor the dedicated personnel who train and perform these critical lifesaving services in Fresno County, and in the central valley region.

**ADOPTED BY THE FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
THIS 20TH DAY OF MAY 2025**

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