

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION NO. 00-076

Designating the Week of May 14 through 20, 2000 as EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK in Multnomah County, Oregon

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners finds:

- a. Emergency medical service is a vital public service.
- b. The members of emergency medical service teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24-hours a day, seven days a week.
- c. Access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury.
- d. Emergency medical service providers have traditionally served as the safety net of America's health care system.
- e. Emergency medical teams consist of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators, and others.
- f. Approximately two-thirds of all emergency medical service providers are volunteers.
- g. The members of emergency medical service teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills.
- h. Americans benefit daily from the knowledge and skills of these highly trained individuals.
- i. It is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical service providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week.
- j. Injury prevention and the appropriate use of the EMS system will help reduce national health care costs.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners proclaims:

In recognition of this event, the week of May 14 through 20, 2000 shall be recognized in Multnomah County as EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK.

ADOPTED this 18th day of May 2000.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON


Beverly Stein, Chair