

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION NO. 99-87

DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF MAY 16 THROUGH 22, 1999 AS "EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK"

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners finds:

- a. Emergency medical service is a vital public service.
- b. The members of emergency medical services 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 services 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 services providers are volunteers.
- g. The members of emergency medical services 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 services 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 16-22, 1999 shall be recognized in Multnomah County as "EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK."

Adopted this 20th day of May, 1999.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON


Beverly Stein, Chair

