



Resolution Designating the Week of May 17-23, 2020 as Emergency Medical Services Week

WHEREAS, emergency medical services are a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, the South County Fire crews are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency medical care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, more than 85 percent of South County Fire's 911 responses are medical emergencies; and

WHEREAS, all South County Fire responders are certified as either emergency medical technicians or paramedics, who engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, South County Fire responders have been on the frontline of the emergency medical response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic from the start, beginning with the transport of the first confirmed patient in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in the face of this declared public health emergency in our regional fire authority, county, state and nation, South County Fire responders have been undaunted in their mission to safely and effectively meet the emergency medical services needs of the people of south Snohomish County; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the South County Fire Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the week of May 17-23, 2020, as Emergency Medical Services Week.

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the South County Fire Board of Commissioners this fifth day of May 2020.