

# PROCLAMATION

## OF THE

### MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**RECOGNIZING MAY 17-23, 2026, AS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK  
HONORING FIRST RESPONDERS AND THE ANNUAL SURVIVOR'S REUNION MAY  
20, 2026**

**WHEREAS**, emergency medical services is a vital public service; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the emergency medical services system consists of first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, educators, pre-hospital nurses, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, trained members of the public, and other out-of-hospital medical care providers; and

**WHEREAS**, 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; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's theme "Improving Outcomes, Together." is about recognizing the people behind the scenes and reaffirm the commitment with our partners and the community; and

**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate to recognize the value and accomplishments of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) providers throughout Mendocino County, including ambulance services, air medical providers, hospitals, and all local fire agencies that deliver EMS response; including the many fire departments and districts that provide first response and lifesaving care, as well as those agencies that also provide ambulance transport services, including Anderson Valley Fire Department, Covelo Fire Department, Elk Fire Department, Laytonville Fire & Ambulance, and Ukiah Valley Fire Authority; and further supported by partner organizations such as Coast Life Support District, MedStar Ambulance, American Medical Response, LIFEwest Ambulance, REACH Air Medical Services, Adventist Health Hospitals, and the many first responders, volunteers, and individuals who sustain these essential services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby proclaims May 17-23, 2026, as:

"Emergency Medical Services Week"

Dated:

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Bernie Norvell, Chair