

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA REQUEST

Date of Meeting: May 19, 2008

Date Submitted: April 21, 2008

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Johnny Williams, County Administrator
Brian Beasley, EMS Director

Subject: Approval of Resolution Number 2009-20 Proclaiming
May 17-23, 2009 as Emergency Medical Service Week.

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item seeks Board approval to Proclaim May 17-23 as Emergency Medical Service Week. The theme for this year is **“MAKING A DIFFERENCE EVERY DAY.”**

Background:

The Department of Health Division of Emergency Medical Service has designed May 17-23 as EMS week.

Analysis:

The approval from the Board designates this as EMS week and for the Chairman to sign the resolution. During this week EMS will have various events for the men and women who daily work hard answering calls for emergency calls. During the week team members will be given a packet with the various EMS items in them.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact with this resolution.

Options:

1. Approval of resolution number 2009-20 proclaiming May 17-23, 2008 as Emergency Medical Service Week
2. Provide staff other direction

Recommendations:

Option 1

Attachments:

1. Copy of Resolution Number 2009-20

PROCLAMATION #2009-20

EMS Week Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, the member of 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, emergency medical services providers have traditionally served as the safety net of America's healthcare system; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services teams consist of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators, and others; and

WHEREAS, approximately two-thirds of all emergency medical services providers are volunteers;

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, Americans benefit daily from the knowledge and skills of these highly trained individuals; and

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

WHEREAS, injury prevention and the appropriate use of the EMS system will help reduce national health care costs; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Gadsden County, Florida, do hereby proclaim the week of May 17 – May 23, 2009, as

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

and encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
GADSDEN COUNTY**

Eugene Lamb, Chairman

ATTEST:

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk