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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- **291596**

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

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those who experience sudden illness or injury; 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 health care system; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services teams consist of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, fire fighter paramedics, fire fighters, emergency medical dispatchers, educators, administrators, and others; and

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

WHEREAS, the members of San Diego Medical Services Enterprise, an innovative, public/private partnership between San Diego Fire & Life Safety Services and Rural/Metro Corporation, continue to provide high quality and caring EMS service to our citizens; and

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

WHEREAS, injury prevention and the appropriate use of the EMS system will help reduce national healthcare costs, NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, hereby proclaims May 16 through 22, 1999, as **“EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK”** and encourages the community to observe appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities this week.

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