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WHEREAS, emergency medical services is a vital public service 7 days a week, 24 hours a day; and

WHEREAS, employees of San Diego Fire-Rescue and Rural/Metro of San Diego successfully work together daily, in a partnership called San Diego Medical Services Enterprise, to provide high quality and caring service to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, these employees responded to more than 70,000 emergency medical calls last year, improving the survival and recovery rate of those who experienced sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the innovation, hard work and coordinated efforts City and Rural/Metro employees contribute to our Emergency Medical Services (EMS) program by combining the best of the public sector with the best of the private sector; and

WHEREAS, San Diego Medical Services Enterprise consists of paramedics, emergency medical technicians, firefighters, nurses, dispatchers, educators, administrators, and others; and

WHEREAS, the members of Emergency Medical Services' teams engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, San Diegans benefit daily from the knowledge and skills of these highly trained individuals; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the citizens of San Diego, does hereby proclaim May 18 – 24, 2003 to be "EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK" in the City of San Diego in honor of their significant contributions and service to the people of San Diego.

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