

WHEREAS, *Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is a vital public service that gives direct access to quality emergency care which dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and*

WHEREAS, *Orange County's EMS network includes seven base hospitals, twenty-five paramedic receiving hospitals, thirteen cardiovascular receiving centers, three trauma centers, nine stroke-neurology receiving centers, twelve fire departments, thirty-one basic life support ambulance companies, and one air medical transport service; and*

WHEREAS, *the Orange County EMS community includes dedicated physicians, nurses, paramedics, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, law enforcement officers, lifeguards, communications personnel, educators, administrators, volunteers, the Emergency Medical Care Committee and its subcommittees, and the staff of Orange County Emergency Medical Services; and*

WHEREAS, *the members of EMS teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and*

WHEREAS, *Orange County Emergency Medical Services partners with many community organizations during EMS Week to promote injury prevention and increase public awareness and education in the areas of cardiopulmonary resuscitation, car seat safety, fire safety, water safety, bicycle helmet safety, first aid training, disaster preparedness, and provides blood pressure checks at various locations throughout the County; and*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS *does hereby declare the week of May 20-26 as Emergency Medical Services Week in the County of Orange and commends the Orange County Emergency Medical Services community for their tireless efforts to rescue and save lives.*