



City of Palo Alto
City Council Staff Report

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Summary Title: PAFD Paramedic 40th Anniversary

Title: Proclamation Recognizing City Of Palo Alto Fire Department Paramedic 40th Anniversary and National Emergency Medical Services Week May 17-23, 2015

From: City Manager

Lead Department: Fire

See Attached Proclamation

Attachments:

- May 2105 Paramedic 40 Anniversary & National EMS Week Proclamation (DOC)

CITY OF PALO ALTO PROCLAMATION

THE 40th ANNIVERSARY OF PARAMEDIC SERVICES AND EMS WEEK 2015

WHEREAS, the Palo Alto Fire Department began delivering Advanced Life Support (ALS) paramedic services and ambulance transportation services to the City of Palo Alto and Stanford Lands in 1975; and

WHEREAS, the Palo Alto Fire Department became one of the first fire departments in California to provide this service to the community; 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 week of May 17-23, 2015 is designated National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week by the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP); and

WHEREAS, National EMS Week brings together local communities and medical personnel to promote safety and honor the dedication of those who provide the day-to-day lifesaving services of medicine's "front line"; and

WHEREAS, it is determined that those who give outstanding service to the people of this City and surrounding area, and whose dedication and extraordinary achievements save the lives of our community, and have a shared commitment to family and community life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karen Holman, Mayor of the City of Palo Alto, on behalf of the City Council do hereby proclaim May 18, 2015 as a day of celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Palo Alto Fire Department's Paramedic and Ambulance Program and recognize on behalf of the community the life-saving contributions of EMS professionals in the City of Palo Alto.

Presented: May 18, 2015

Karen Holman
Mayor