

CITY OF COOS BAY CITY COUNCIL
Agenda Staff Report

MEETING DATE	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
April 19, 2016	

TO: Mayor Shoji and City Councilors

FROM: Jackie Mickelson, Executive Assistant

THROUGH: Rodger Craddock, City Manager

ISSUE **Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Proclamation**

BACKGROUND

May 15 – 21, 2016 is the 42nd annual National EMS week. The celebration of EMS week, and the work that its practitioners do in our communities was authorized by President Gerald Ford in 1973. At that time, EMS and the importance that its practitioners played as a critical component of the emergency medicine and the public safety net was a new professional field.

Today, EMS has been firmly established as an essential public function and a vital component of the medical care continuum. These fine men and women help save lives by responding to medical emergencies of all kinds by providing both basic and advanced medical care at the scene of the emergency and on route to a hospital.

Bay Cities Ambulance asks that Mayor Shoji and the City of Coos Bay Council members recognize and help celebrate the work and accomplishments of our EMS personnel in the City of Coos Bay and throughout the United States by signing the attached proclamation declaring May 15 -21, 2016 as EMS week.

In the past, tradition was that Bay Cities Ambulance give the City of Coos Bay a plaque in appreciation of the support shown by the City in recognizing EMS week. This year in lieu of a plaque, Bay Cities Ambulance will be making a \$50 donation to T.H.E. House in Coos Bay, Oregon in honor of the City of Coos Bay.

RECOMMENDATION

If it pleases the City Council, staff requests the approval of the Emergency Medical Services proclamation.



Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, the members 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, the emergency medical services system consists of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators, and others; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Crystal Shoji, Mayor of the City of Coos Bay do hereby proclaim May 15 through May 21, 2016 as

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

in Coos Bay, Oregon. With the theme, EMS Strong: Called to Care, I encourage the community to observe the EMS week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.



In witness thereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Coos Bay to be affixed on this 19th day of April 2016.

Crystal Shoji, Mayor