

**Lee County Board Of County Commissioners
Agenda Item Summary**

Blue Sheet No. 20060539

1. Action Requested/Purpose: Request Board adopt a Resolution proclaiming Emergency Medical Service Week, May 14th – May 20th, 2006.

2. What Action Accomplishes: Recognizes Lee County's Paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians during National Emergency Medical Services Week.

3. Departmental Category:

CP # 1

4. Meeting Date:

05-16-2006

5. Agenda:

- Consent
- Administrative
- Appeals
- Public
- Walk-On

6. Requirement/Purpose (specify)

- Statute
- Ordinance
- Admin. Code
- Other

7. Request Initiated:

Commissioner _____
 Department _____
 Division Public Safety
 By: John D. Wilson, Director

8. Background:

May 14th- May 20th, 2006, has been set aside as National Emergency Medical Services Week, and has also been established as such by the State in recognition of achievement and service of Emergency Medical Service providers.

In February of 1972, the Board of County Commissioners purchased the private Southern Ambulance Service and Lee County Emergency Medical Services was born.

The mission of Lee County EMS is to provide the highest quality out-of-hospital emergency medical care and transportation for the residents and visitors of Lee County, Florida. Our highly trained professionals use the best technology to meet the needs of those who require assistance. Our vision is for Lee County EMS to be a leader in it's profession and serve as a role model for other emergency medical services agencies and is an organization that people are proud to be associated with.

Thirty-three years later, with the continuing support of the Board and County Administration, Lee County EMS has grown from providing Basic Life Support (BLS) with four ambulances to forty-five "state of the art" Advanced Life Support (ALS) units, two helicopters and over 250 Paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians as we continue to proudly serve the residents and visitors of Lee County.

9. Review for Scheduling: Staff recommends approval

Department Director	Purchasing or Contracts	Human Resources	Other	County Attorney	Budget Services				County Manager / P.W. Director
					Analyst	Risk	Grants	Mgr.	
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10. Commission Action

Approved

Deferred

Denied

Rec. by CoAtty
Date: <u>5/16/06</u>
Time: <u>11:35 am</u>
Forwarded To:

Other



The Board of County Commissioners

RESOLUTION

- Whereas: The Lee County Board of County Commissioners established the Division of Public Safety-Emergency Medical Services to provide necessary life-saving medical care and transportation to the citizens and visitors of Lee County; and**
- Whereas: The 288 emergency medical technicians, paramedics, pilots, supervisors, coordinators and support staff are on duty around the clock to respond to requests for assistance; and**
- Whereas: The complex systems of communications, equipment, facilities and manpower are organized quickly and expertly to serve the needs for Lee County's injured and ill; and**
- Whereas: The Emergency Medical Services Program in Lee County has responded to the public's demand for such services at an unprecedented rate of growth over the past thirty-four years having responded to 74,996 medical emergencies in 2005; and**
- Whereas: Recognition is due to all of those men and women who have dedicated thirty-four years of professional service to all of Lee County citizens and visitors through the provision of emergency medical service.**

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida that we do hereby proclaim the week of May 14th to May 20th 2006 as:

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE WEEK

in the County of Lee.

Duly Executed this 16th day of May 2006.



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Chairwoman