

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE

OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

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RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
COUNTYWIDE COUNTY SERVICE AREA FOR
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

WHEREAS the Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) has been established by the Board of Supervisors as an advisory committee to the Board and to the County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency on matters relating to emergency medical services;

WHEREAS the voters of Contra Costa County passed by 71.6 percent Measure "H", an advisory measure on the November 1988 countywide ballot, calling for the establishment of a benefit assessment to finance improvements in the emergency medical and trauma care system including expanded countywide paramedic coverage, improved medical communications and medical dispatcher training, and medical equipment, supplies, and training for firefighter first responders, including training and equipment for a first responder defibrillation program;

WHEREAS the EMCC has developed and approved a plan of "Recommended EMS System Priorities" to improve the level of emergency medical services, including improved paramedic ambulance service, emergency medical dispatch and communications, first responder training and defibrillation, and overall EMS system organization and management including support of the county trauma system; and

WHEREAS the County Health Services Department, which is the Board designated Local EMS Agency, has developed plans and proposals to form a County Service Area for Emergency Medical Services;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the EMCC endorses the formation of a countywide County Service Area for the purpose of establishing a benefit assessment for emergency medical services as proposed in Measure "H" and that the Board of Supervisors and each city council take the appropriate actions to form the proposed County Service Area.

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