

Richland County Rules & Resolutions Committee

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Agenda Item Name: Recognition of Emergency and Health Care Service Workers

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| Department | County Board | Presented By: | Shaun Murphy-Lopez |
| Date of Meeting: | 6/3/21 | Action Needed: | Resolution |
| Disclosure: | Open Session | Authority: | Committee Structure, Section D |
| Date submitted: | 6/2/21 | Referred by: | None |

Recommendation and/or action language:

Recommend a motion, to present a resolution to the County Board recognizing the contributions of emergency and health care service workers and volunteers in Richland County.

Background:

Recently the following occupations were honored in annual observances across the country:

- May 2 – 8: Correctional officers’ week
- May 4: Firefighters’ day
- May 6 – 12: Nurses’ week
- May 9 – 15: Police week, Hospital week
- May 16 – 22: EMS Week

A draft resolution below is presented for the committee’s consideration, to recognize the contributions of workers and volunteers, who have placed themselves in harms’ way to protect the health and safety of Richland County residents and visitors.

RESOLUTION NO. 21 - _____

A Resolution Recognizing Emergency and Health Care Service Workers and Volunteers.

WHEREAS Richland County residents and visitors rely on emergency and health service workers and volunteers for our safety and well-being, and

WHEREAS several volunteer fire associations exist in our county, including Blue River, Cazenovia, La Farge, Lone Rock, Muscoda, Richland, Viola, and Yuba, and

WHEREAS several ambulance associations exist in our county, including Blue River EMS, Boaz (Western Richland County) First Responders, Cazenovia EMS, Ithaca First Responders, La Farge EMS, Lone Rock EMS, Muscoda EMS, Richland County EMS, Viola (Kickapoo Valley) EMS, and Yuba First Responders, and

WHEREAS several police forces exist in our county, including the Lone Rock Police Department, Richland Center Police Department, Richland County Sheriff’s Department, Viola Police Department, and

WHEREAS several organizations with health care service workers and volunteers are in our county, including Our House Senior Living, Pine Valley Community Village, Richland County Health and Human Service Department, the Richland Hospital and Clinic, and Schmitt Woodland Hills, and

WHEREAS hundreds of people serve in these organizations, and

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WHEREAS these people, whether volunteers or employed, have put themselves in harm's way to protect the residents and visitors of Richland County, particularly since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the County Board expresses its appreciation to all emergency and health care service volunteers and workers for their service to our county, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the County Board appreciates the contributions of all volunteers and workers, no matter the length of their service, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if any group has been erroneously omitted from the above list, anyone may contact Shaun Murphy-Lopez, the Chair of the County's Rules & Resolutions Committee, at 608-462-3715 to request a correction,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to each of these each of the organizations set forth in the attachment to this Resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage and publication.

Attachments and References:

Financial Review:

(please check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | In adopted budget | Fund Number | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Apportionment needed | Requested Fund Number | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other funding Source | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No financial impact | | |

Approval:

Review:

Department Head

Administrator, or Elected Office (if applicable)
