



C O U N T Y O F

Inyo

Proclamation

PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF INYO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA HONORING DEPUTY PHIL WEST, DEPUTY KEVIN BIGHAM, CHIEF JOE DELL, LAURA LINGEMAN, AND LIA CIONI AS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM RESPONSE HEROES

Whereas, the Inyo County Emergency Medical Care Committee, dedicated to the preservation and improvement of the local EMS program throughout Inyo County, created the Annual EMS Provider of the Year Award AND recognizes that certain events warrant special recognition; and

Whereas, the Inyo County Board of Supervisors strongly supports the efforts of its EMS providers throughout Inyo County and is pleased to join with the other members of our Community in providing special recognition to emergency response providers who engaged in heroic life-saving measures to save the life of a County employee; and

Whereas, the Inyo County Board of Supervisors recognizes that on November 23, 2018 Deputy Kenneth Bigham and Deputy Phil West responded to an emergency call for a non-responsive 32-year old female; and

Whereas, Deputies West and Bigham initiated Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), relieving family members who had been administering CPR of their efforts and continued life-saving CPR; and

Whereas, Chief Joe Dell, a paramedic and the Bishop Fire Department Chief, arrived to the scene and provided additional life-saving support by using an Automated External Defibrillator (AED); and

Whereas, these emergency measures ensured continue blood flow and circulation until the woman could be transported via ambulance to the hospital for emergency medical care; and

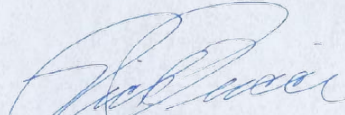
Whereas, ambulance crew members Laura Lingeman and Lia Cioni arrived and provided continued medical support and care during the ambulance transport to the hospital; and

Whereas, without these emergency response services, the prognosis for recovery would have been grim; and

Whereas, the subsequent care at Northern Inyo Hospital and Glendale Adventist Hospital ensured her recovery; and

Whereas, the 32-year-old wife and mother of two young children survived sudden cardiac arrest and returned to work four months later as a result of the system of volunteer and paid emergency medical services.

Now, Therefore, Be It Proclaimed, this 21st day of May 2019, that the Inyo County Board of Supervisors joins the Emergency Medical Care Committee in recognizing the critical emergency service Deputy Phil West, Deputy Kenneth Bigham, Chief Joe Dell, Laura Lingeman, and Lia Cioni gave to save the life of one resident of our County and extends its congratulations and heartfelt appreciation to each of them for their dedication and personal commitment to the citizens of Inyo County and commends them on being a shining example of what it means to be a member of the County's Emergency Medical Services system.


Chairperson Rick Pucci

