

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA  
DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO PUBLIC HEALTH ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE  
EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS WITH AMBULANCE SERVICE PROVIDERS  
AUTHORIZING OPERATION AT THE ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT LEVEL**

**WHEREAS**, Health and Safety Code Section 1797.178 specifies that no person or organization shall provide advanced life support (ALS) transport unless that person or organization is an authorized part of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system of the local EMS agency;

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Clara County EMS Agency is responsible for issuing permits for the provision of ALS transport within the County;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors has designated the Santa Clara County Public Health Department's Emergency Medical Services Agency as the County's local EMS agency pursuant to Section 1797.200 of the California Health and Safety Code;

**WHEREAS**, the County has an existing agreement for ALS transport in an "Exclusive Operating Area," consisting of all 911 calls in specified portions of the County;

**WHEREAS**, Santa Clara County Ordinance Code, Section A18-262, requires that a permitted provider of ALS services must also be a designated contract provider for the County;

**WHEREAS**, the "Exclusive Operating Area" agreement does not preclude the County from entering into agreements with other service providers for ALS transport in response to non-911 calls;

**WHEREAS**, the County benefits from entering into agreements with ambulance service providers for ALS transport in response to non-911 calls because such agreements would increase the overall availability of ALS transport throughout the County;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors may delegate contracting authority to County officials, and has done so from time to time as deemed necessary and in the interest of the County;

**WHEREAS**, delegating authority to the Public Health Administrator, or designee, to execute agreements with ambulance service providers authorizing operation at the advanced life support level would increase the overall availability of ALS transport throughout the County.

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors delegates authority to the Public Health Administrator, or designee, to negotiate and execute contracts and contract amendments and take all related actions with ambulance service providers authorizing operation at the Advanced Life Support level, from March 1, 2009 through February 28, 2012, following approval by County Counsel as to form and legality and approval by the Office of the County Executive. This delegation of authority shall expire February 28, 2012.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara on \_\_\_\_\_ by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors

NOES: Supervisors

ABSENT: Supervisors

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Liz Kniss, President  
Board of Supervisors

Signed and certified that a copy of this document has been delivered by electronic or other means to the President, Board of Supervisors.

**ATTEST:**

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MARIA MARINOS  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:**

  
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JENNIFER SPRINKLES  
Deputy County Counsel

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