

Santa Rosa County

PROCLAMATION

For the Santa Rosa County Medical Reserve Corps and Registry

WHEREAS, the National Medical Reserve Corps was officially launched by Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy G. Thompson in July of 2002, and

WHEREAS, the Medical Reserve Corps - Santa Rosa was activated in November of 2006, and

WHEREAS, the Medical Reserve Corps is a national program with a local, community-based emphasis and a mission to strengthen Santa Rosa County communities by establishing a system for medical and public health volunteers to offer their expertise during emergencies and at other times of community needs, and

WHEREAS, major local emergencies (floods, hurricanes, chemical spills, acts of terrorism, epidemics and other large scale events) can overwhelm even the most professional and well-staffed local emergency response systems and health care resources, thereby creating a need for assistance from properly trained volunteers, and

WHEREAS, a fully trained and functional Medical Reserve Corps provides valuable health services to the citizens of our communities and provides a greater predictability of our volunteer resource capabilities during times of emergency, and

WHEREAS, the MRC's ability to augment existing emergency health care in our communities may in fact speed up community recovery and minimize the long-term economic losses that often follow emergencies and disasters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Rosa County fully supports the concept and function of the Medical Reserve Corps - Santa Rosa. Be it further resolved that the Board encourages its citizens, employees and associates to give their time and expertise to the volunteer Medical Reserve Corps in the service of our Santa Rosa County communities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of September, 2007, by a vote of 5 yeas, 0 nays and 0 absent of the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Rosa County, Florida.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Thomas F. Stewart, Chairman