

**MEMORANDUM**  
OFFICE OF THE  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jim Holmes, Supervisor District 3

DATE: December 19, 2006

SUBJECT: COMMENDATION – Approve and present a Commendation to Leonard R. Inch for his forthright vision and dedication to Sierra-Sacramento Valley Emergency Medical Services Agency as requested by Supervisor Holmes.

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approve and present a Commendation to Leonard R. Inch for his forthright vision and dedication to Sierra-Sacramento Valley Emergency Medical Services Agency as requested by Supervisor Holmes.

**BACKGROUND**

Leonard R. Inch began his career with the Sierra – Sacramento Valley Emergency Medical Services Agency on May 1, 1989. He dedicated his career to establishing and maintaining the highest professional ethical standards for Emergency Medical Care for the counties of Placer, Yolo, Yuba, Sutter and Nevada in California. Among his many accomplishments as the Regional Executive Director for the Sierra-Sacramento Valley EMS Agency, Mr. Inch designed and implemented the regional trauma system and wrote the plan for the five-county region. In addition, he implemented exclusive operating areas within the Sierra-Sacramento Valley EMS region for both public and private ambulance-transportation providers. Mr. Inch has been known as a driving force behind California's trauma legislation which resulted in a 47 million dollar two year funding allocation.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None

COUNTY OF  
**Placer**  
Board of Supervisors

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COMMENDATION

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In the matter of a Commendation honoring  
Leonard R. Inch for his forthright vision  
And dedication to Sierra-Sacramento Valley  
Emergency Medical Services Agency.

Whereas, Leonard R. Inch began his career with the Sierra-Sacramento Valley Emergency Medical Services Agency on May 1, 1989 where he continued his career in emergency medical services until December 14, 2006. Sierra-Sacramento Valley Emergency Medical Services Agency is a Joint Powers Agency that serves as the local EMS agency for the counties of Placer, Yolo, Yuba, Sutter and Nevada in California; and

Whereas, prior to serving as Regional Executive Director at Sierra-Sacramento Valley Emergency Medical Services Agency, Leonard R. Inch was the Chief of Pre-Hospital Care /Special Projects for the County of Los Angeles, Department of Health Services from 1983 to 1989, and

Whereas, prior to serving as Chief of Pre-Hospital Care in Los Angeles Leonard R. Inch founded the paramedic program in Butte County and taught as the principle paramedic instructor for Butte Community College from 1974 until 1983. Leonard was certified as the first paramedic in Butte County Paramedic number 001; and

Whereas, Leonard R. Inch served three terms as the president of the Emergency Medical Services Administrator's Association of California and has served as the legislative chairperson, and

Whereas, Leonard R. Inch 's trauma service began as a site reviewer for the County of San Diego in the early 1980's. He was on the first San Diego trauma center review team; and

Whereas, Leonard R. Inch was the Regional Executive Director for the Sierra-Sacramento Valley EMS Agency where he designed and implemented the regional trauma system. Leonard wrote the trauma plan for the five-county region. He has also been a trauma consultant for the State of Mississippi and has been a member of the Mississippi Trauma Center designation team. In addition, Leonard is a U.S. Department of Transportation Development of Trauma Systems instructor, and

Whereas, Leonard R. Inch, in January of 2001, produced a paper for a Center for Disease Control Special Projects Grant entitled "California's Trauma Care: In Crisis." In 2004, through another Center for Disease Control Special Projects Grant, another follow-up report entitled "California Trauma Fund Utilization: A Follow-Up Report to the California Legislature - Lessons Learned and Future Needs" was produced. Leonard has been one of the driving forces behind California's trauma legislation which resulted in a 47 million dollar two year funding allocation; and

Whereas, Leonard R. Inch, implemented in 2006 exclusive operating areas within the Sierra-Sacramento Valley EMS region for both public and private ambulance transportation providers; and

Whereas, Leonard R. Inch will long be remembered for his passion, determination and perseverance to maintain the highest professional ethical standards for Emergency Medical Care in the Counties of Placer, Yolo, Yuba, Sutter and Nevada.

Now Therefore Let It Be Know That, on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2006 the Placer County Board of Supervisors takes great pleasure in honoring Leonard R. Inch for his dedication and contribution to emergency medical services and will remember him as a man with the highest professional ethical standards for emergency medical services.

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Bill Santucci  
Chairman

Robert M. Weygandt  
Supervisor, District 2

Vacant  
Supervisor, District 4

Jim Holmes  
Supervisor, District 3

Bruce Kranz  
Supervisor, District 5