

Resolution 2014-06

In Recognition of Our Executive Vice President's Quinquagenary



Whereas Elizabeth Armstrong has been the dedicated, talented and renowned chief staff executive for the National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials (NASEMSO) for the past 18 years;

Whereas she has set standards for organizational excellence and productivity which have propelled NASEMSO's growth in its service to its members, its project portfolio, and its leadership credentials in the national emergency medical services community;

Whereas she is the lifetime NASEMSO Annual Meeting Quarters champion, who can also recite the entire ABBA lyrics in Mamma Mia and flipper sizes in the Man Dance (and flipper size matters!); and

Whereas she will achieve her, to be respectfully gentle, quinquagenary on November 3, 2014;

Now therefore be it resolved that, **Beth:**

1. You are deservedly wealthier than you were in 1964, which is good because then:
 - a. A loaf of bread cost only 21 cents
 - b. A new house: \$13,050 (if you couldn't hack that, average rent was \$115)
 - c. Average income per year was \$6,000
 - d. A gallon of gas cost 30 cents
 - e. A new car: \$3,500
 - f. A United States postage stamp was 5 cents
 - g. And a ticket to the movies \$1.25
2. Smoking was determined to be a health hazard by the Surgeon General; BUT
3. Besides you, other still *smoking hot* quinquagenarians were also born:
 - a. Rob Lowe
 - b. Sandra Bullock
 - c. Chef Bobby Flay (both smokin' and cookin'!)
 - d. Keanu Reeves
 - e. Janeane Garofalo
 - f. Nicholas Cage
 - g. Russell Crowe
 - h. Courteney Cox
 - i. Marisa Tomei, and
 - j. Hank Azaria

4. Add to that your gifts of smarts, talent, caring, and drive, and other quinquagenarians also join you such as Michelle Obama and Melinda Gates
5. And then there's Sarah Palin.....well....also a quinquagenarian, you betcha!
6. Appropriate to last night's outing, the Rolling Stones released their first album; and the Beatles opened at Shea Stadium then on the Ed Sullivan show, and they owned the top five positions on the Billboard Hot 100 list with "Can't Buy Me Love," "Twist and Shout," "She Loves You," "I Want to Hold Your Hand" and "Please Please Me"
7. Martin Luther King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize and President Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act into law
8. *Jeopardy* appeared on TV for the first time as did *Underdog* and the annual holiday classic *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer*; and "Mary Poppins," "My Fair Lady," the James Bond film "Goldfinger" and the Beatles' "A Hard Day's Night" premiered at the movies
9. In your birth year, Diet Pepsi hit store shelves; a good thing because so did Lucky Charms and Pop Tarts; Arby's opened, and the first Buffalo Wings were served at the Anchor Bar in Buffalo, NY fortunately, CPR had been invented four years before, portable defibrillators the same year, and the first 9-1-1 call was placed four years later!

Be it further resolved that your friends and colleagues sincerely wish you the happiest.... well, you're going to have face facts sooner or later: **50th Birthday!** And

Be it finally resolved that every state EMS office is invited to send quinquagenary birthday greetings to Madame Executive Vice President on the occasion.

Signed this 9th day of October 2014.



James DeTienne
2012-2014 President



Dennis Blair
2012-2014 Secretary