

EMS Week Resolution

To recognize the Week of May 19 - 25, 2024, as Emergency Medical Services Week

WHEREAS, emergency medical services is a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, EMS practitioners are professional medical providers that are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services has grown to fill a gap by providing important, out of hospital care, including preventative medicine, follow-up care, and access to telemedicine; and

WHEREAS, the emergency medical services system consists of first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, educators, administrators, pre-hospital nurses, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, trained members of the public, and other out of hospital medical care providers; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, the Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice also recognizes State EMS Offices, which serve as the lead state executive branch offices responsible for ensuring a coordinated, systems approach to emergency medical services, overseeing the licensure of EMS personnel, administering the EMS system, and upholding public protection, thereby ensuring effective and responsive healthcare delivery; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating the Emergency Medical Services Week;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice, in recognition of this event, does hereby adopt the week of May 19 - 25, 2024, as EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK, commemorating the 50th Anniversary of EMS Week with the theme: EMS WEEK: Honoring Our Past. Forging Our Future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission encourages the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

ADOPTED by the Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice on this day of 1st day of May, 2024.