

# PROCLAMATION

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## TO DESIGNATE THE WEEK OF MAY 16-22, 1999 AS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

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

Whereas, the members of emergency medical services teams 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 providers have traditionally served as the safety net of America's health care system; and

Whereas, emergency medical services teams consist of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators, and others; and

Whereas, approximately two-thirds of all emergency medical services providers are volunteers; 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, Americans benefit daily from the knowledge and skills of these highly trained individuals; and

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

Whereas, injury prevention and the appropriate use of the EMS system will help reduce national health care costs; and

Now, therefore, I [name, title, city, state] in recognition of this event do hereby proclaim the week of May 16-22, 1999 as

### EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

and encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

Date

May 11, 1999

Signed by

*Mark S. ...*

Attested by

*Ann ...*

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