



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

# Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, emergency care personnel, including emergency medical dispatchers, first responders, first aiders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, nurses and physicians, whether volunteer or paid, serve on the front lines of our healthcare and public health system, giving selflessly of themselves; and

WHEREAS, each year more than one million calls are made to 9-1-1 requesting emergency care for traumatic injuries, burns, poisonings, spinal cord injuries, heart attacks and other critical medical emergencies; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey has a wide range of emergency medical providers, including local first aid and rescue squads, ambulance services, mobile intensive care programs, air medical EMS response programs, specialty burn care, a poison information and education service, designated trauma centers, medical dispatch services and other vital services that have the potential to save lives and reduce disabilities of the critically ill or injured; and

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

WHEREAS, EMS personnel, whether volunteer or paid, engage in thousands of hours of specialized education to enhance their skills; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey is a leader in the types and quality of emergency medical care available to patients and desires to continue to improve upon its emergency medical services system in order to assure all residents the highest standards of emergency medical care; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

MAY 21 THROUGH MAY 27, 2017

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

in New Jersey in recognition of all those engaged in emergency medical services and encourage residents to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.



*Kim Guadagnoli*  
Lt. GOVERNOR

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty-sixth day of April in the year two thousand seventeen, the two hundred forty-first year of the Independence of the United States.

*Chris Christie*  
GOVERNOR





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WHEREAS, the needs of children are different from the needs of adults - physically, emotionally and psychologically - in medical and traumatic emergencies; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) promotes high-level, age-appropriate emergency care given by EMS providers with pediatric emergency skills; and

WHEREAS, EMS providers are unceasingly prepared to respond to children who access the 9-1-1 system and return them to an optimum level of health; and

WHEREAS, EMSC collaborates with physicians, nurses, social workers, psychologists, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, law enforcement personnel, administrators, school nurses, educators, child care providers and others to identify and address the issues surrounding the provision of optimal pediatric care; and

WHEREAS, EMSC facilitates the development of educational programs, guidelines, and nationally recognized performance standards for emergency care providers by targeting the delicate and specialized processes of ensuring the safety and well-being of children and adolescents so that they get timely, appropriate and quality care; and

WHEREAS, it is proper and timely to bring recognition to the value and accomplishments of such dedicated men and women by designating Emergency Medical Services for Children Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

MAY 24, 2017

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## EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN DAY

in New Jersey and encourage residents to applaud and support the work of EMS personnel who provide emergency medical care to children as they continue to improve the quality of life of all children in our State.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty-sixth day of April in the year two thousand seventeen, the two hundred forty-first year of the Independence of the United States.

  
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