



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

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

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

WHEREAS, each year, more than one and a half 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, EMS Task Force, medical dispatch services, and other vital services that strive 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 career, 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 to assure all residents and visitors 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, Philip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

MAY 19 THROUGH MAY 25, 2024

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

in New Jersey.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this fourteenth day of May in the year two thousand twenty-four, the two hundred forty-eighth year of the Independence of the United States.

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