



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

WHEREAS, emergency medical services (EMS) is 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 healthcare 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 21 THROUGH MAY 27, 2023**

**AS**

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK**

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



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

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