



**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 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**, we value the emergency medical services professionals who have served on the frontline of the COVID-19 pandemic, and we remember those who lost their lives while protecting ours;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the great State of Maine, do hereby proclaim the week of May 16th through May 22nd, 2021 as

## **Emergency Medical Services Week**

with the EMS Strong theme, *This Is EMS: Caring for Our Communities*. I urge all citizens to honor and celebrate our EMS professionals this week and recognize the contributions they make every day.



*Shenna Bellows*

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Secretary of State

In testimony whereof, I have caused the  
Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed  
GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this thirteenth  
day of May Two Thousand Twenty-One

Janet T. Mills  
Governor