

State of Maine



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.



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

Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State