

WHEREAS; emergency medical services (EMS) are a vital public service and have played a key role in the COVID-19 pandemic response; and

WHEREAS; members of our state's EMS teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week, both under ordinary circumstances and during times of unprecedented challenges to public health; and

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

WHEREAS; EMS has grown to fill gaps, including out-of-hospital care, preventive medicine, telemedicine, and follow-up care; and

WHEREAS; whether career or volunteer, EMS personnel—including first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, educators, administrators, emergency nurses, and emergency physicians—engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS; our state continuously strives to improve the quality of EMS and trauma care systems to ensure that all Wisconsinites experience the highest standards of emergency care; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in celebrating our state's EMS providers for their knowledge, skills, and selfless dedication to the health and safety of folks across Wisconsin;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim May 16 through 22, 2021, as

## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK**

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State