

WHEREAS; access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rates of folks who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS; emergency medical services (EMS) are a vital public service to the people and communities of Wisconsin; and

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

WHEREAS; our EMS providers are on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic, providing our healthcare facilities with critical support and often serving as the first point of care for folks who think they might be infected; and

WHEREAS; whether paid or volunteers, EMS personnel – including dispatchers, first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, nurses, and 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 emergency medical services and trauma care systems to assure all Wisconsinites experience the highest standards of emergency care; and

WHEREAS; now more than ever, folks across Wisconsin benefit daily from the knowledge, skills, and selfless dedication of these highly trained individuals;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim May 17 through 23, 2020, 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 27th day of April 2020.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State