



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, *emergency medical services (EMS) is a vital public service; and*

WHEREAS, *emergency care personnel, including emergency medical dispatchers, first responders, first aiders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, nurses and physicians, whether volunteer or paid, serve on the front lines of our healthcare and public health system, giving selflessly of themselves; and*

WHEREAS, *each year more than three million New Jersey residents and visitors require emergency medical 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, medical dispatch services and other vital services that have the potential 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 engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing 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 in order to assure all residents 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, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

MAY 15 THROUGH MAY 21, 2016

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

in New Jersey in recognition of all those engaged in 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 fifth day of May in the year two thousand sixteen, the two hundred fortieth year of the Independence of the United States.


Lt. GOVERNOR


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