

## STATE OF TEXAS OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

A vital component of the health care field, emergency medical services providers offer lifesaving treatment with speed and accuracy. Consisting of first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, educators, administrators, nurses, physicians, trained members of the public, and other out-of-hospital care providers, emergency medical services fill the gap in the face of critical medical need.

Texans depend upon medical professionals for quality care. Bravery, strength, and perseverance define those who work in emergency medical services voluntarily or professionally. The hours of specialized training, continuing education, and practice showcase their extraordinary work ethic.

Emergency medical services teams dramatically improve the survival and recovery rate of those experiencing illness or injury, sparing the lives of millions across the Lone Star State, often heedless of their own well-being. Texas owes a debt of gratitude to the men and women who selflessly serve their communities. They represent the best of the Lone Star State, and I am proud to call them fellow Texans.

Each year, a week in May is set aside to recognize emergency medical services teams throughout Texas and to highlight the vital work they perform each day. At this time, I encourage all Texans to honor their devoted service and the positive impact they make on communities across our great state.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim May 19-24, 2024, to be

## **Emergency Medical Services Week**



in Texas and urge all Texans to observe the occasion with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature this the 8th day of May, 2024.

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Governor of Texas