



Proclamation

In Recognition of

National Emergency Medical Services Week

WHEREAS, National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) represents the state's paramedics and emergency medical technicians who ensure that our residents and visitors are provided the highest level of emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, with 18 full-time EMS stations and two part-time stations in Hawai'i, EMS is the primary emergency medical responder, responsible for providing treatment and transportation to nearly one million residents in Honolulu County and neighbor islands; and

WHEREAS, EMS dispatchers answered more than 120,000 emergency calls in 2017, helping the caller before the EMS crew arrives; and

WHEREAS, members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in countless hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, paramedics and emergency medical technicians are trained to be the irreplaceable lifeline between patients and the emergency rooms, stabilizing the patients before transferring them to hospitals; and

WHEREAS, paramedics and emergency medical technicians are dedicated and determined individuals with physical, mental and emotional stamina who respond to more than 88,000 emergency medical calls; and

WHEREAS, in 1973 President Gerald Ford recognized the great importance of EMS and declared the first National Emergency Medical Services Week, thus making 2018 the 44th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme is "Stronger Together" and recognizes that government agencies, hospitals and other healthcare providers are at their best when they work together;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim the dates of May 20-May 26, 2018 as

"EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK"

in Hawai'i, and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in thanking the men and women who dedicate countless hours of their lives to provide superb emergency medical services to the residents and visitors of the State of Hawai'i.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this tenth day of May 2018.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



DOUGLAS S. CHIN
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i