



Proclamation

WHEREAS, in 1974, President Gerald Ford founded National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week to celebrate, recognize and honor the men and women saving lives in our homes and on our streets; and

WHEREAS, National EMS Week is dedicated to the brave, resilient paramedics, Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs), and EMS dispatchers of the State of Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, paramedics are highly trained medical professionals who can perform immediate life-saving measures such as intubation and defibrillation; and

WHEREAS, EMTs are highly trained in making initial assessments for trauma patients, providing emergency interventions, and transporting patients to hospitals; and

WHEREAS, EMS dispatchers play a vital role in the emergency response system, communicating with people to gain necessary information and dispatching appropriate first responders; and

WHEREAS, over the last year, paramedics and EMTs have fought a deadly pandemic on the frontlines—putting their own health and the safety of their families at risk while treating and transported hundreds of COVID-19 positive patients; and

WHEREAS, with emergency medical services in all counties, EMS professionals work tirelessly to keep the more than 1 million residents and constant flow of visitors safe, providing the highest level of advanced pre-hospital emergency medicine;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 16–21, 2021 as

“NATIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in recognizing our paramedics, EMTs and EMS professionals who care for our critically sick and injured despite the challenges they face daily.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this seventh day of May 2021.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i