



Proclamation

WHEREAS, American College of Emergency Physicians and the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians recognize and honor the dedication of those who provide the day-to-day lifesaving services of medicine's "front line" to ensure that our residents and visitors are provided the highest level of emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i's emergency medical services are essential public services; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week; and

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

WHEREAS, emergency medical services have grown to fill a gap by providing important, out of hospital care, including community paramedicine, follow-up care, and access to telemedicine; and

WHEREAS, the emergency medical services system consists of first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, educators, administrators, emergency physicians, and other out of hospital medical care providers; and

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

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams are highly valued for their work in safeguarding the health, safety and well-being of our communities;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the **State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim May 15–21, 2022 as

"EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in recognizing the EMS Strong theme, "EMS: Rising to the Challenge," and thanking our prehospital personnel who dedicate their lives to provide lifesaving emergency medical services to the residents and visitors of the State of Hawai'i.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this sixteenth day of May 2022.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i