



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

WHEREAS, emergency medical services are an essential public service; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 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 preventative medicine, 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, firefighters, police officers, educators, administrators, pre-hospital nurses, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, trained members of the public, and other out of hospital medical care providers; and

WHEREAS, Governor DeSantis signed legislation allowing Hatzalah volunteer ambulances to operate on Florida's roads, expanding the emergency medical services offered in some of the most densely populated areas of the state at no cost to Florida's taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, Governor DeSantis has awarded \$1000 bonus payments to emergency medical technicians and paramedics to thank them for their service; 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 skills that save lives; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend my support to all observing May 21-27, 2023, as Emergency Medical Services Week.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 21st day of May, in the year two thousand twenty-three.



Governor