

# PROCLAMATION

## **Emergency Medical Services Week Proclamation**

To designate the Week of May 16 - 22, 2021, as Emergency Medical Services Week

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

WHEREAS, in the last twelve months the Dubuque EMS team has responded to 5,618 calls for service, a 13% increase over the previous year, and

WHEREAS, the team has also filled a critical need in the community by organizing COVID-19 clinics and administering vaccines to protect our community.

NOW THEREFORE, I, ROY BUOL, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DUBUQUE, IOWA, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL, STAFF AND THE CITIZENS OF DUBUQUE, IN RECOGNITION OF THIS EVENT DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF MAY 16-22, 2021, AS

## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK**

With the EMS Strong theme, **THIS IS EMS: Caring for Our Communities**, I encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Dubuque to be affixed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021.

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Roy D. Buol, Mayor

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Trish L. Gleason, Assistant City Clerk