



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, pre-hospital emergency medical care clinicians, including emergency medical dispatchers, first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, nurses, and physicians, serve on the front lines of our health care and public health systems, giving themselves selflessly at great personal risk, and demonstrating unwavering dedication to their duty; and

WHEREAS, each year more than 1.5 million calls are made to 9-1-1 in New Jersey, requesting emergency care for traumatic injuries, burns, poisonings, spinal cord injuries, heart attacks, and other critical medical emergencies; and

WHEREAS, each year more than 150,000 calls are made to 9-1-1 in New Jersey, requesting emergency care for pediatric patients suffering from traumatic injuries, burns, poisonings, spinal cord injuries, asthma, and other critical medical emergencies; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey has a wide range of emergency medical services and clinicians, including local first aid and rescue squads, ambulance services, mobile intensive care programs, air medical units, emergency department services, specialty burn care, a poison information and education service, designated trauma centers, medical dispatch services, and other vital services that strive to save lives and improve outcomes among the critically ill or injured; and

WHEREAS, timely access to high-quality emergency care significantly improves the chances of survival and recovery for children experiencing sudden illness or injury, offering an indispensable lifeline in moments of dire need; and

WHEREAS, EMS clinicians devote countless hours to pediatric readiness, specialized pediatric education and training, continually enhancing their expertise and skills to deliver exceptional evidence-based patient care; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey, a leader in the types and quality of emergency medical care available to pediatric patients, is committed to further improving its EMS system to ensure all residents and visitors receive exceptional emergency medical care, a fact we can all take pride in; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and accomplishments of EMS clinicians who care for our children by designating an Emergency Medical Services for Children Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mikie Sherrill, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

MAY 20, 2026

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN DAY

in New Jersey.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this fourteenth day of May in the year two thousand twenty-six, the two hundred fiftieth year of the Independence of the United States.

Dale G. Cobble
Lt. GOVERNOR

Mikie Sherrill
GOVERNOR