



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 selflessly of themselves, often at great personal risk, and demonstrating unwavering dedication to their duty; and*

WHEREAS, *each year, more than one and a half 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, *New Jersey has a wide range of emergency medical clinicians, including local first aid and rescue squads, ambulance services, mobile intensive care programs, air medical units, 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 reduce disability among the critically ill or injured; and*

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

WHEREAS, *EMS clinicians devote countless hours to specialized 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 patients, is committed to further improving its emergency medical services system to ensure all residents and visitors receive the highest standard of emergency medical care, a fact in which we can all take pride in; and*

WHEREAS, *it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of EMS clinicians by designating an Emergency Medical Services Week;*

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

**MAY 17-23, 2026**

**AS**

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK**

*in New Jersey.*



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

*Dale G. Callahan*  
Lt. GOVERNOR

*Mikie Sherrill*  
GOVERNOR