



2020 EMS Week Proclamation

WHEREAS, emergency medical services are 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 are the community's medical care safety net, fills gaps and provides access into the healthcare system by delivering important, out-of-hospital care, including preventative education and activities, life-saving and time-critical interventions, and acute and non-acute medical services; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical service personnel serve our community on the front-lines, often with personal sacrifices of being away from their families on holidays, in all types of adverse weather environments, and facing numerous threats to ensure our community receives the best care possible; and

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

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams 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, with this year's national theme for Emergency Medical Services Week – *"EMS Strong: Ready Today. Preparing For Tomorrow."*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Dare County Board of Commissioners in recognition of this event do hereby proclaim the week of May 17-23, 2020 as **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK**.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that EMS Week in Dare County shall also be held in honor and memory of the recent passing of former EMS Capt. Denny Shoup, EMS Capt. Billy Deanes, Chief Dare Med Flight Pilot Sammy Pledger and also Director of Operations, Chief Dare Med Flight Pilot Chad Jones for their service and dedication has helped to lead us to be, **"EMS STRONG: READY TODAY. PREPARING FOR TOMORROW."**

This the 5th day of May, 2020.



Robert Woodard, Sr., Chairman

Attest:

Cheryl C. Anby, Clerk to the Board