

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, emergency medical services are vital public services; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide life-saving 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 rates of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services teams consist of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators, and others; and approximately forty percent of all emergency medical services providers are volunteers; 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, Washingtonians benefit daily from the knowledge and skills of these highly-trained individuals; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim the week of May 21-27, 2017, as

Emergency Medical Services Week

in Washington and I encourage all people in our state to join me in this special observance.



Signed this 14th day of February, 2017

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Inslee".

Governor Jay Inslee