

SENATE OF ILLINOIS



Proclamation

WHEREAS, emergency medical services (EMS) embody the true concept of teamwork by recognizing the interdependent relationship among trauma centers, EMS system hospitals, ambulance providers, emergency and trauma physicians, emergency nurses, first responder defibrillators, emergency medical technicians (EMTs) - basic, intermediate and paramedic, pre-hospital registered nurses, emergency communication nurses, trauma nurse specialists, and emergency medical dispatchers who are dedicated to saving lives; and,

WHEREAS, in Illinois, there are 66 EMS resource hospitals, 62 trauma centers, 209 stroke centers, 103 emergency departments with pediatric capabilities, and 12 pediatric critical care centers, along with 613 ambulance providers and 2,727 ambulances, and 7,651 emergency medical responders; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois has 20,871 EMTs, 456 intermediate/advanced EMTs, 16,538 paramedic EMTs, 4,721 emergency communications registered nurses, 2,111 trauma nurse specialists, and 542 pre-hospital registered nurses; and,

WHEREAS, there are 3,399 emergency medical dispatchers and 1,333 lead instructors selflessly providing 24-hour service to the people of Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, this year's national theme, "Improving Outcomes, Together" underscores the immediate nature of the situations to which EMS personnel must respond, while also looking ahead to the future of pre-hospital care;

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim May 17-23, 2026, as Emergency Medical Services Week in Illinois and encourage all residents to join in this observance.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this FOURTH day of MAY, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
TWENTY-SIX, and of the State of Illinois,
two hundred and SEVENTH.

Alexis Giannouli
SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR