

SENATE OF ILLINOIS



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) for Children recognizes that children have unique physiological responses to illness and injury; and,

WHEREAS, EMS for Children promotes a specialized approach to pediatric care; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois' emergency medical services system strives to integrate pediatric emergency care needs across a wide spectrum; and,

WHEREAS, in Illinois, there are 66 EMS resource hospitals, 62 trauma centers, 209 stroke centers, 12 standby emergency departments approved for pediatrics, 79 emergency departments approved with pediatrics capabilities, and 12 pediatric critical care centers; and,

WHEREAS, along with 613 ambulance providers and 2,727 ambulances, there are 7,651 emergency medical responders, 20,871 EMTs, 456 intermediate/advanced EMTs, 16,538 paramedic EMTs, 4,721 emergency communications registered nurses, 2,111 trauma nurse specialists, 542 pre-hospital registered nurses, 3,399 emergency medical dispatchers, and 1,333 lead instructors selflessly providing 24-hour service to the people of Illinois, and dedicated to promoting pediatric preventive measures, pre-hospital care, emergency department services, inpatient and specialized services; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois champions EMS for Children's commitment to reduce childhood morbidity and mortality associated with severe illness and trauma;

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim May 20, 2026, as Emergency Medical Services for Children Day in Illinois.

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.

Alexi Giannouh
SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR