



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2024-46

Emergency Medical Services Appreciation Week

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 have grown to fill a gap by providing important, out of hospital care, including preventative medicine, follow-up care, and access to telemedicine; and

WHEREAS, the emergency medical services system consists of first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, educators, administrators, pre-hospital nurses, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, trained members of the public, and other out of hospital medical care providers; 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, 2024 marks the 50th Anniversary of the first National Emergency Medical Services Week, we honor those committed to forging a future for our next generation of Emergency Medical Services professionals to serve our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, proclaim May 19-25, 2024 as **Emergency Medical Services Appreciation Week** in Charles County. We salute all the Charles County the men and women who provide Emergency Medical Services for their dedication and commitment to serving our County especially during this unprecedented time of uncertainty and shared sacrifice.



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