

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Proclamation

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK | 2023

WHEREAS, emergency medical services is a vital and essential public service in Durham County; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services team are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, the Durham County emergency medical services system maintained their high level of service and response throughout the pandemic, caring for and transporting a record number of patients; 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 has grown to fill a gap by providing important, out of hospital care, including preventative medicine and follow-up care through our community paramedics; and

WHEREAS, the emergency medical services system consists of first responders, emergency medical technicians, advanced emergency medical technicians, paramedics, community paramedics, 911 telecommunicators, firefighters, police officers, educators, administrators, emergency nurses, pre-hospital 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 patient care and lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers in the Durham County emergency medical services system by designating Emergency Medical Services Week.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, Brenda Howerton, Chair and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the week of May 21-27, 2023 as

“EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK”

in Durham County and call upon all citizens to join with us in recognizing the vital and essential services provided by members of the Durham County emergency medical services system to care for our residents and visitors.

This 22nd day of May 2023.

Brenda Howerton, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

