

The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS, Emergency medical services are a vital public service; and the members of emergency medical service 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 service 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, within Centre County, there are 15 EMS agencies licensed/recognized through the PA Department of Health. With a total of 45 EMS vehicles: 21 BLS Ambulances, 9 ALS Ambulances, 5 ALS Squads, and 10 QRS vehicles.

WHEREAS, approximately 427 EMS practitioners recognized by the PA Department of Health - Bureau of EMS, currently reside within Centre County.

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical service teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical service providers by designating Emergency Medical Services week;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Centre County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim the week of **May 21-27, 2017** as "**Emergency Medical Services Week**" in Centre County and with the theme, **EMS Strong: Always in Service**, we encourage the community to observe this week with thanks, proper programs, ceremonies and activities.

ADOPTED this 16th day of May 2017.



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