WHEREAS, emergency medical services are a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, 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 emergency medical responders, emergency medical technicians, advanced emergency medical technicians, paramedics, prehospital registered nurses prehospital physician extenders, prehospital EMS physicians, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, educators, administrators, emergency department personnel, trained members of the public, and other out-of-hospital medical care providers; and

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 does hereby proclaim the week of May 19-25, 2019 as “Emergency Medical Services Week” with the theme, EMS Strong: Beyond the Call, we encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities

ADOPTED this 21st day of May 2019.

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