

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, emergency medical services is 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 has grown to fill a gap by providing important, out of hospital emergency and non-emergency care; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, the emergency medical services system in Olympia consists of emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, educators, administrators, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, trained members of the public; and

WHEREAS, The City of Olympia and Thurston County consistently have some of the highest cardiac arrest resuscitation numbers in the country, testifying to the quality of the local EMS system; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Olympia City Council does hereby proclaim the week of May 21 - 27, 2017 as

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

and urge all citizens to recognize the value and accomplishments of emergency medical services providers in our community.

SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 23rd DAY OF MAY, 2017.

OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL

***Cheryl Selby
Mayor***