State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, emergency medical service (EMS) is a vital public service; and

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

WHEREAS, EMS has been essential in Vermont’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic, especially with carrying out testing and vaccination programs including hosting numerous clinics as part of EMS Week; and

WHEREAS, the best way to thank EMS workers this year is to get vaccinated against COVID-19. Anyone 12 and older can make a COVID-19 vaccine appointment at healthvermont.gov/myvaccine.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim May 16-22, 2021 as

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) WEEK

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 14th day of May, A.D. 2021.

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Philip B. Scott
Governor

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Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs