



Legislation Text

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TITLE

PROCLAIM MAY 15-21, 2022 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK IN GUILFORD COUNTY

SPONSOR

Commissioner Alan Perdue

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services are a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, Guilford County began ambulance services to the citizens on March 17, 1969 as the Emergency Transportation Services; and

WHEREAS, in 1974 Guilford County began one of the first Paramedic level ambulance services in the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Guilford County Emergency Medical Services system has, since its inception, established itself as a leading innovator in the provision of emergency medical care to victims of injury and illness; and

WHEREAS, the growth and refinement of the Emergency Medical Services has resulted in improved knowledge and capabilities among the highly trained staff of Paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians, and expedient access to needed services by citizens throughout Guilford County; and

WHEREAS, the emergency medical services system consists of first responders, telecommunicators, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators, logistics and maintenance personnel, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, and others; and

WHEREAS, this dedication to improved service has resulted in numerous forms of recognition, including being one of less than two hundred ambulance services in the United States accredited by the Commission on the Accreditation of Ambulance Services; and,

WHEREAS, all citizens of Guilford County can take pride and comfort in the fact that they are served by a professional Emergency Medical Services capable of providing state of the art basic

and advanced life support treatment to the citizens and visitors of Guilford County, twenty-four hours a day; and

WHEREAS, over the past two plus years, the Emergency Services staff has shown resilience and dedication to addressing the health needs of this community during the COVID-19 pandemic, often attending to many of the most critical patients while facing the uncertainty of their own health, and

WHEREAS, the pandemic has created nearly constant workforce shortages due to illness and attrition, requiring employees to work beyond their scheduled hours, and

WHEREAS, on the occasion of the American College of Emergency Physicians and the Governor of North Carolina designating national EMS Week, with this year's theme being "EMS, Rising to the Challenges", and to recognize the commitment and dedication of the EMS providers that serve our community every day.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Guilford County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the week of May 15 through May 21, 2022, as

Emergency Medical Services Week in Guilford County

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each member of the Board extends their deepest gratitude and appreciation to the dedicated men and women who serve the Emergency Services.

ADOPTED this the 19th day of May 2022.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the corporate seal of the County of Guilford to be affixed, this the 19th day of May 2022

Melvin "Skip" Alston, Chairman, Guilford County Board of Commissioners

REQUESTED ACTION

Proclaim May 15-21, 2022 as Emergency Medical Services Week in Guilford County.