



# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the State of Hawai'i recognizes the paramount importance of paramedics and emergency medical technicians who put their own lives at risk every day to provide vital medical care for residents and visitors in our state; and

**WHEREAS**, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rates of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

**WHEREAS**, the emergency medical services (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 Hawai'i's EMS teams are ready to provide lifesaving care 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; and

**WHEREAS**, during the COVID-19 pandemic, EMS has been on the frontline, treating patients diagnosed with the virus and those who are potentially infected while making an exceptional effort to keep themselves and their families safe;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim May 17–23, 2020 as

## **“EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK”**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in thanking the men and women who dedicate their lives to provide lifesaving emergency medical services for all.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fifteenth day of May 2020.

  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i