



## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is the medical entry point for many patients and that experience often directly affects a patient's journey from onset of illness to recovery.

WHEREAS, EMS professionals, from police dispatchers to hospital personnel, continually strive to ensure that journey is a positive one with their commitment to the work that they do and the compassion they demonstrate while serving others every single day.

WHEREAS, our providers are educated and trained to react in a predictable and controlled manner, they exemplify the dedication of their profession to develop and hone their knowledge and skills to provide the best possible care to our citizens.

WHEREAS, our EMS professionals operate in all hazard environments, when in a 24 hour period they are just as likely to respond to an active police scene or an opioid overdose, as they are to a cardiac event or a motor vehicle crash. They are always in service through their first response, treatment, and transport.

WHEREAS, our dispatchers show fortitude under pressure to assess emergencies and initiate life-saving help and our responders work hard, their energy and compassion are expected to be inexhaustible. They are strong and resilient in the face of events as they bring care and calm to patients and their loved ones during emergencies. All of them must remain resolute to persevere against the obstacles and odds that impede them. These are caring professionals who serve.

At this time, we thank and honor our cross-trained fire-fighter EMTs and firefighter-paramedics and all who provide an invaluable service to our community by administering high-quality Emergency Medical Services to patients with a wide variety of medical needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DISTRICT 5 CITY COMMISSIONER MARGARET ROMERO,  
DO HEREBY PROCLAIM

May 22 thru May 26, 2017

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AWARENESS WEEK

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States" We urge all citizens, residents and visitors of our City to participate fittingly in the observation.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 16<sup>th</sup> of May 2017.

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Margaret Romero  
City Commissioner