

## **Proclamation**By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, emergency medical service is a vital public service; and

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

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical service providers by designating Emergency Medical Service Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim May 20-26, 2018, as

## Emergency Medical Service Week

in the State of Alabama and encourage all citizens to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 20th day of April 2018.

Kay Ivey Governor