

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



Governor's Office

PROCLAMATION

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK
MAY 17-23, 2009

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Emergency Medical Services are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need twenty-four 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, the Emergency Medical Services systems consist of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's), Paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators, and others; and

WHEREAS, EMS is a system integrated with public health, acute care, and public safety to assure emergency preparedness and response to disasters and terrorism; and

WHEREAS, the members of Emergency Medical Services, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their skills; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvanians benefit every day from the knowledge and skills of these highly trained individuals.

THEREFORE, I, Edward G. Rendell, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in recognition of this valuable service, do hereby proclaim the week of May 17-23, 2009, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK and encourage all Pennsylvanians to recognize the value and accomplishments of all those involved in Emergency Medical Services as a vital public service.



Given under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the city of Harrisburg, on the twenty-seventh day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and nine, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and thirty-third.

Edward G. Rendell

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor