



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

2023

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, emergency medical services are a vital public resource; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week, responding to hundreds of thousands of emergency calls in North Carolina every year; 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 North Carolina emergency medical services system consists of 42,000 emergency medical dispatchers, first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, and others; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina recognizes the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers who are on the front lines, as the theme of this year's observance states, "Where Emergency Care Begins";

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 21 – 27, 2023, as "**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



Roy Cooper  
Governor

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this seventeenth day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-seventh.