

# State of North Carolina

**JOSH STEIN**  
GOVERNOR

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

2026

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, emergency medical services systems are vital public services; 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 2.4 million emergency calls in North Carolina in 2025; and

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

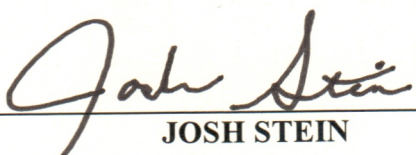
**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina emergency medical services system consists of 46,700 emergency medical dispatchers, first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, and others; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether professional 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 services providers who demonstrate this year's theme of *Improving Outcomes, Together*;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 17 – 23, 2026, as “**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK**” in North Carolina and commend its observance to all residents.



  
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**JOSH STEIN**  
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 twenty-eighth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-sixth and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fiftieth.