## STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

## Office of the Governor



## **PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, emergency medical services are a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams remain vigilant, ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

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

WHEREAS, the emergency medical services 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, emergency medical services have grown to meet a need by providing vitally important out-of-hospital care and other emergency healthcare; 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  $50^{th}$  anniversary of EMS Week theme is *EMS Week: Honoring our Past. Forging Our Future*, and it is appropriate to recognize the many accomplishments and vital importance of emergency medical services providers by designating May 19 - 25, 2024 as Emergency Medical Services Week.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Tate Reeves as Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim May 19 - 25, 2024, as

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

and I encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-eighth.

TATE REEVES GOVERNOR