

## **PROCLAMATION**

### **Emergency Medical Services Week**

WHEREAS, emergency medical services are a vital public service; 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; 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 services have 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 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, 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, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Diana Broderson, Mayor of the City of Muscatine, in recognition of this event do hereby proclaim the week of May 21-27, 2017 as Emergency Medical Services Week with the theme “EMS Strong: Always in Service”, and I encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Muscatine to be affixed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.

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Diana Broderson, Mayor