



PROCLAMATION

Emergency Medical Services Week May 21-27, 2023

WHEREAS, emergency medical services is 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 has 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, Tom Phillips, Mayor of the City of Norwalk, Iowa, in recognition of this event do hereby proclaim the week of May 21-27, 2023, as Emergency Medical Services Week.

With the EMS Strong theme, **THIS IS EMS: Caring for Our Communities**, I encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

DONE at the City of Norwalk this 18th day of May, 2023.

Mayor:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Phillips", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive in style.

Tom Phillips, Mayor