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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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VOGEL, J. WARD AND L. WILLIAMS, SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating September 13, 2021, as "EMS Memorial Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, In 1998, the United States Congress designated the  
4 National EMS Memorial Service be held annually, as the official  
5 EMS Memorial Service in the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, The objective of the EMS Memorial Service is to  
7 remember and honor those emergency medical services personnel  
8 who have died in the line of duty and to recognize the ultimate  
9 sacrifice they have made for their fellow man; and

10 WHEREAS, The traveling memorial of the National EMS Memorial  
11 Service, the Tree of Life, is erected every year; and

12 WHEREAS, The Tree of Life bears a representation of an oak  
13 tree to symbolize strength along with the name, agency and date  
14 of loss of each National EMS Memorial Service honoree engraved  
15 on a bronze oak leaf; and

16 WHEREAS, Since 2011, the Pennsylvania EMS Provider Foundation  
17 has organized an EMS Memorial Service at the State Capitol to

1 remember Pennsylvania EMS providers that have given their lives  
2 in the line of duty; and

3 WHEREAS, During the Memorial Service at the Capitol, the name  
4 of each honoree is read followed by the ringing of the bell; and

5 WHEREAS, Since 2013, the following EMS personnel have been  
6 honored for making the ultimate sacrifice during the performance  
7 of emergency service duties:

8 (1) Samantha Agins, Camp Jaycee, Stroudsburg.

9 (2) Ethan Lynn Amsbaugh, Priority Volunteer Response  
10 Ambulance, Mt. Union.

11 (3) Robert Ashby, Sr., Christiana Community Ambulance,  
12 Gap.

13 (4) Brenda Bauer, City of Reading Fire, Reading.

14 (5) Brad Blackman, American Medical Response,  
15 Philadelphia.

16 (6) David J. Blausen, Wilkins-Churchill Rescue One,  
17 Wilkins.

18 (7) Walter L. Bricker, Metal Township Fire & Ambulance  
19 Co, Fannettsburg.

20 (8) John Buchner, Scranton Fire Department Ambulance,  
21 Scranton.

22 (9) Kevin Bundy, Mercy Fitzgerald EMS, Darby.

23 (10) Jeanette M. Christ, University Medevac/Lehigh  
24 Valley Hospital, Allentown.

25 (11) Kelly A. Conti, Critical Care Diversified  
26 Enterprises, West Mifflin.

27 (12) John R. Demkosky, Lackawanna Ambulance Service,  
28 Scranton.

29 (13) Kline DeWire, Susquehanna Health System EMS,  
30 Williamsport.

- 1           (14) Bruce H. Ditlow, St Joseph Hospital, Lancaster.
- 2           (15) Theodore Dybus, Veterans Memorial Ambulance  
3 Service, Northern Cambria.
- 4           (16) Douglas Dzubinski, UPMC Pinnacle Health, Community  
5 Life Team, York.
- 6           (17) Kevin A. Ellefson, Medic Rescue Ambulance Service,  
7 Beaver Falls.
- 8           (18) Jeremy Emerich, Lehigh Valley MedEvac.
- 9           (19) Donald J. Felker, Collingdale Fire Company No 1,  
10 Collingdale.
- 11          (20) Dale C. Francis, Lifestar Ambulance Corps,  
12 Quakertown.
- 13          (21) William Fraser, Mountaintop Ambulance, Mountaintop.
- 14          (22) Michael "Boz" Garvin, Second Alarmers Association  
15 and Rescue Squad, Willow Grove.
- 16          (23) John M. Goodwin, Guthrie One Helicopter, Sayre.
- 17          (24) Thomas Gruen, Tunkhannock Ambulance Association,  
18 Tunkhannock.
- 19          (25) Richard A. Hartley, Derry Township Fire Police,  
20 Lewistown.
- 21          (26) Mark W. Haussler, Guthrie One Helicopter, Sayre.
- 22          (27) Thomas Hicks, Citizens Volunteer Fire Company,  
23 York.
- 24          (28) Wesley Hostetter, Lack Tuscarora EMS, East  
25 Waterford.
- 26          (29) Robert W. Justis, St. Luke's Transport Service,  
27 Tannersville.
- 28          (30) Daniel E. Keller, Fayette EMS, Connellsville.
- 29          (31) Robert Kohler, Sr. Northeastern Area EMS, York.
- 30          (32) Shawn M. Kramer, Hamburg Ambulance Service, West

1 Lawn/Hamburg.

2 (33) James S. Landis, University Medevac/Lehigh Valley  
3 Hospital, Allentown.

4 (34) John F. Legieko, Parkesburg Ambulance/Fire Co,  
5 Parkesburg.

6 (35) Janice M. Keen-Livingston, West End Ambulance  
7 Service, Johnstown.

8 (36) Kevin Maffettone, Bucks County 2012 Morrisville,  
9 Levittown.

10 (37) Nelson Martin, Bethel Ambulance, Bethel.

11 (38) Herbert W. McCay, American Medical Response,  
12 Philadelphia.

13 (39) Daniel W. McIntosh, Bensalem EMS, Bensalem.

14 (40) Harry R. Moore, Duquesne EMS, Duquesne.

15 (41) Paul Moyer, Yoe Ambulance, York.

16 (42) Michael R. Murphy, PennSTAR, Philadelphia.

17 (43) Barry John Nagle, Silver Spring Ambulance and  
18 Rescue, New Kingstown.

19 (44) Deborah J. Nole, Guthrie One Helicopter, Sayre.

20 (45) Larry Oberle, Alpha Fire Company Community  
21 Ambulance, State College.

22 (46) Kenneth Duane Prunty, Tri Community Ambulance,  
23 Monogahela.

24 (47) Elwood C. Queen Sr., Irvona Volunteer Ambulance  
25 Service, Irvona.

26 (48) Robert Reeder, Crozer-Keystone EMS, Upland.

27 (49) Patricia A. Riccobono, Lehigh Valley Hospital,  
28 Allentown.

29 (50) David A. Sauder, Leola Ambulance Association,  
30 Leola.

1 (51) Heinz Schulz, Emergycare/LifeStar of Erie, Erie.  
2 (52) Richard Shoaf, Jr., Swarthmore Fire & Protection  
3 Assn, Swarthmore.  
4 (53) Matthew C. Smelser, Rostraver-West Newton Emergency  
5 Medical Services, Belle Vernon.  
6 (54) Edward E. Soper, H.O.P.S. Ambulance, Le Raysville.  
7 (55) William R. Spence, CJ Systems Aviation Group, West  
8 Mifflin.  
9 (56) Ethel M. Speros, Willow Street Ambulance  
10 Association, Willow Street.  
11 (57) Richard J. Stark, Thornhurst Volunteer Fire/Rescue  
12 Ambulance Squad, Thornhurst.  
13 (58) Daniel Sweeney, Philadelphia Fire Department,  
14 Philadelphia.  
15 (59) Joseph M. Vagnier, Monroeville Fire Dept,  
16 Monroeville.  
17 (60) Robert Vetter, Mon Valley EMS, Monessen.  
18 (61) John M. Watson, Moscow Volunteer Fire  
19 Department/Hose Co Ambulance, Moscow.  
20 (62) Kevin L. Weatherlow, St Joseph Hospital, Lancaster.  
21 (63) Craig Webb, University EMS, Dauphin.  
22 (64) Gregory Wentzel, First Aid & Safety Patrol  
23 Emergency Medical Services Agency, Lebanon.  
24 (65) David A. Womer, Mount Carmel Area Rescue Squad,  
25 Mount Carmel.  
26 (66) Robert H. Wood, Montrose Minute Men, Montrose.  
27 (67) David Young, Central Juniata EMS, Juniata.  
28 (68) Robert (Bob) E. Zerman, Pioneer Hose Co. #1,  
29 Robesonia.  
30 (69) Doug Zima, Northwest EMS, Elizabethtown;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Since 2016, prior to the Memorial Service, the  
3 Pennsylvania EMS Provider Foundation holds a cycling event which  
4 ends at the Capitol; and

5 WHEREAS, The Senate greatly appreciates the critical role  
6 that EMS plays, providing emergency response and serving as the  
7 front line delivery of health care, while under extraordinarily  
8 adverse situations, and often with little to no pay; therefore  
9 be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate September 13, 2021, as  
11 "EMS Memorial Day" in Pennsylvania.