
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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DUSH, FARRY, HUGHES, HUTCHINSON, LANGERHOLC, LAUGHLIN,
MARTIN, PENNYCUICK, PHILLIPS-HILL, VOGEL AND BAKER,
APRIL 12, 2024

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, APRIL 12, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of May 19 through 25, 2024, as "Emergency
2 Medical Services Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Emergency medical services (EMS) are a vital public
4 service; and

5 WHEREAS, The EMS system has grown to fill a gap by providing
6 important, out-of-hospital care, including preventive medicine,
7 follow-up care and access to telemedicine; and

8 WHEREAS, The EMS system consists of first responders,
9 emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical
10 dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, educators,
11 administrators, pre-hospital nurses, emergency nurses, emergency
12 physicians, trained members of the public and other out-of-
13 hospital medical care providers; and

14 WHEREAS, Members of EMS teams are ready to provide lifesaving
15 care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

16 WHEREAS, Access to quality emergency care dramatically
17 improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience

1 sudden illness or injury; and

2 WHEREAS, Members of EMS teams, whether career or volunteer,
3 engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and
4 continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

5 WHEREAS, May 2024 marks the 50th anniversary of "National EMS
6 Week," with the theme of "Honoring Our Past, Forging Our
7 Future"; and

8 WHEREAS, It is appropriate to recognize the value and
9 accomplishments of EMS providers by designating "Emergency
10 Medical Services Week" in Pennsylvania; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of May 19
12 through 25, 2024, as "Emergency Medical Services Week" in
13 Pennsylvania; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Senate encourage communities across this
15 Commonwealth to observe "Emergency Medical Services Week" with
16 appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.