

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Emergency medical services (EMS) is a vital public service, and the members of emergency medical service 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: The emergency medical services team consists of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, first responders, educators, administrators, and others; 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; and

WHEREAS: This year's theme, "EMS Strong: Stronger Together", is a reminder of the deep commitment of emergency medical services team members to answer the call of a career that demands passion, purpose, and heart, and honors those who wear the uniform day in and day out;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim May 17<sup>th</sup> through May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, as

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK IN ARKANSAS**

across the State, and I urge all citizens to observe this month and week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, in the year of our Lord 2020.



  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor