

**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, "This Is EMS: Caring for Our Communities," 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 2021, as

TRAUMA AWARENESS MONTH

and May 16<sup>th</sup> through May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, as

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

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 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the year of our Lord 2021.



*Asa Hutchinson*

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

*John Thurston*  
John Thurston, Secretary of State