EMS WEEK™
May 17-23, 2026
Improving Outcomes, Together

EMS WEEK PROCLAMATION

To designate the Week of May 17-23, 2026, as Emergency Medical Services Week (EMS Week)

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 improved the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services fills healthcare gaps 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 medial services providers by designating the Emergency Medical Services Week; now

THEREFORE, I Myron Yoder, Polk County, North Carolina Board of Commissioner Chair, in recognition of this event do hereby proclaim the week of May 17 - 23, 2026, as

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

Approved this the 20th day of April 2026

POLK COUNY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

Myron Yoder, Chairman

Kennedy Freeman, Clerk to the Board