## COUNTY OF DORCHESTER

## PROCLAIMING MAY 19 - 25, 2024 AS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK IN DORCHESTER COUNTY

WHEREAS, emergency medical services is a vital public service, with teams ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, Dorchester County EMS is on pace to eclipse 26,000 calls for service this fiscal year to include more than 13,000 hospital transports; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, EMS has grown to fill a gap by providing important, out of hospital care, including preventative medicine, follow-up care, and access to telemedicine; and

WHEREAS, the EMS 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 EMS teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Dorchester County Council hereby proclaims the week of May 19-25, 2024 as Emergency Medical Services Week, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our county and citizens safe.

ADOPTED THIS 6h DAY OF MAY 2024.

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S. Todd Friddle, Chairman Dorchester County Council

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Clerk to Council