



WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) for Children recognizes that children have unique physiological responses to illness and injury; and,

WHEREAS, EMS for Children promotes a specialized approach to pediatric care; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois' emergency medical services system strives to integrate pediatric emergency care needs across a wide spectrum; and,

WHEREAS, in Illinois there are 62 EMS resource hospitals, 67 trauma centers, 159 stroke centers, 101 emergency departments approved for pediatrics, and 10 pediatric critical care centers; 590 ambulance providers and 3,116 ambulances; 15,356 emergency medical responders; 19,862 EMTs, 534 Intermediate/Advanced EMTs, 15,761 paramedics; 4,948 emergency communications registered nurses; 2,735 trauma nurse specialists; 505 pre-hospital registered nurses; 3,116 emergency medical dispatchers, and 1,406 lead instructors selflessly providing 24-hour service to the people of Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois champions EMS for Children's commitment to reduce childhood morbidity and mortality associated with severe illness and trauma;

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim May 22, 2019, as **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN DAY** in Illinois.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this TWENTY-FIFTH *day of* APRIL, *in*
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
NINETEEN, *and of the State of Illinois,*
two hundred and FIRST.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR