STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, *emergency medical services (EMS) embody the true concept of teamwork by recognizing the interdependent relationship among trauma centers; EMS system hospitals; ambulance providers; emergency and trauma physicians; emergency nurses; emergency medical responders, emergency medical technicians (EMTs), basic, intermediate, and paramedic-pre-hospital registered nurses, emergency communication nurses, trauma nurse specialists, and emergency medical dispatchers, and who are dedicated to saving lives; and,*

WHEREAS, *in Illinois there are 62 EMS resource hospitals, 67 trauma centers, 159 stroke centers, 101 emergency departments with pediatric capabilities, 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, *this year's national theme, "EMS STRONG: Beyond the Call" underscores the dedication, commitment, and hard work of those involved in the EMS community;*

THEREFORE, *I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim May 19-25, 2019, as* ***EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK*** *in Illinois and call this observance to the attention of all Illinois residents.*

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-NINTH *day of* APRIL*, in the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and* NINETEEN*, and of the State of Illinois, two hundred and* FIRST*.*

Jesse White
SECRETARY OF STATE

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GOVERNOR