

STATE OF ILLINOIS



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.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker

GOVERNOR