

Proclamation

To designate the Week of May 20-26, 2018, as Emergency Medical Services (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 improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

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

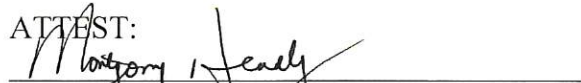
WHEREAS, the emergency medical services system consists of first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, educators, administrators, pre-hospital nurses, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, trained members of the public and 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 medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Benton County Board of Commissioners, in recognition of this event, do hereby proclaim the week of May 20-26, 2018 as EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK in Benton County, and, with the theme, *EMS STRONG: Stronger Together*, encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.


Edward D. Popp, Chair
Benton County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Montgomery Headley
Benton County Administrator