

Proclamation

To designate the Week of May 21-27, 2017, as Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week

WHEREAS, EMS is a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, the members of the 237 EMS teams in the Central EMS Region 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

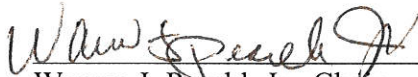
WHEREAS, the EMS system consists of first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, educators, emergency department personnel; and

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; and

WHEREAS, our communities benefit daily from the knowledge and skills of these highly trained and dedicated individuals; and

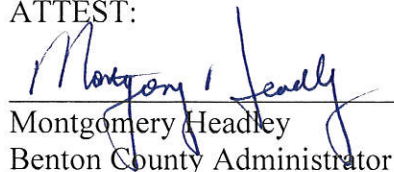
WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of EMS providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Benton County Board of Commissioners, in recognition of this event, do hereby proclaim the week of May 21-27, 2017 as EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK in Benton County, and, with the theme, *EMS STRONG: Always in Service*, encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.



Warren J. Peschl, Jr., Chair
Benton County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Montgomery Headley
Benton County Administrator