



WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services is an essential public safety service; and,

WHEREAS, the emergency medical services system consists of physicians, nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, law enforcement officers, telecommunicators, and others; 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 medical care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and,

WHEREAS, emergency medical services personnel engage in countless hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and,

WHEREAS, the residents and visitors of Gaston County benefit daily from the knowledge and skills of these highly trained individuals; and,

WHEREAS, EMS is on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic treating and transporting our most vulnerable people every day; and,

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and accomplishments of emergency medical services providers, perhaps now more than ever, by designating Emergency Medical Services Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims the week of May 16 - 22, 2021 as

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

in Gaston County and call upon all citizens to observe this period with appropriate events, programs, and activities.

Tom Keigher, Chairman

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To be Adopted the 25th Day of May 2021