



# State of New York

## Executive Chamber

### Proclamation

**Whereas**, New Yorkers recognize that a well-organized system of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is a vital public entity that serves as a safety net for our health care system, and we appreciate the dedicated members of EMS teams who are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; and

**Whereas**, New Yorkers realize that the highest level of humanitarian concern and commitment is at the heart of the exceptional work performed daily by the men and women of EMS teams in communities throughout our State; and

**Whereas**, during times of emergency, such access to quality care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

**Whereas**, over the years, EMS has become a highly effective system of first response for victims, as it serves to coordinate public and private agencies, along with many volunteers, for the provision of urgent medical care; and

**Whereas**, EMS teams include emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators, various other professionals, as well as volunteers who generously donate their time, energy and expertise; and

**Whereas**, the members of Emergency Medical Services teams, whether career or volunteer, undergo thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills and to maintain optimum standards of medical treatment and urgent care; and

**Whereas**, New York State has established a solid foundation upon which a highly efficient Emergency Medical Services system operates and during this weeklong observance it is appropriate for each and every citizen to recognize the vigilance, selflessness, and invaluable work carried out by EMS providers in communities across this great State by extending our sincere gratitude to all members of this critical area of public service;

**Now, Therefore**, I, David A. Paterson, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim May 18-24, 2008 as

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

in the Empire State and encourage all New Yorkers to participate in associated programs, ceremonies, and activities that pay tribute to those who reflect the finest attributes of our citizens.



**G i v e n** under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State  
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this first day  
of May in the year two thousand eight.

*David A. Paterson*

Governor

*[Signature]*

Secretary to the Governor