

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 42

BY SENATOR FOIL

A RESOLUTION

To designate the week of May 17-23, 2020, as Emergency Medical Services 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.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana hereby designates the week of May 17-23, 2020, as Emergency Medical Services Week.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the citizens of Louisiana are hereby encouraged to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE