



City of Dallas, Polk County, Oregon

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 life-saving 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 life-saving 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, *I, Kenneth L. Woods, Jr., Mayor of the City of Dallas, in recognition of this event do hereby proclaim the week of May 19-26, 2024 as Emergency Medical Services Week. With the theme of the 50th Anniversary of EMS Week, "Honoring the Past. Forging the Future.", reminding us to acknowledge the foundational work of those who came before us, while also striving to build and lead the EMS system we envision for our future.*

Signed this 20th day of May, 2024

Kenneth L. Woods, Jr., Mayor