



INTERSTATE COMMISSION
FOR EMS PERSONNEL PRACTICE

The U.S. EMS Compact

RESOLUTION 2026-02

EMS for Children Day 2026

To Recognize May 20, 2026, as Emergency Medical Services for Children Day

WHEREAS, 35 million children receive emergency medical care each year due to illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, the needs of children are different than the needs of adults in medical emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the goal of Emergency Medical Services for Children is to help states and communities prepare for an emergency involving a child by helping emergency medical services agencies and emergency departments become Pediatric Ready; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Medical Services for Children Program supports research and improvement science to drive transformation of emergency care systems, including the prehospital setting; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services for Children relies on its established partnership within the EMS community, as well as multidisciplinary teams of providers across the emergency care continuum, to help states and communities reduce child and youth disability and death due to severe illness or injury; and


WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services for Children, the hundreds of thousands of prehospital and hospital-based clinicians it serves, the professional organizations and federal agencies with which it partners, and the patients and families it engages, are committed to collaborating to ensure high-quality emergency care for children; and

WHEREAS, it is proper and timely to recognize the value and accomplishments of Emergency Medical Services for Children and the dedicated personnel who work tirelessly to improve pediatric care delivery across emergency care systems.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice, in recognition of this event, does hereby adopt and recognize May 20, 2026, as EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN DAY.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission encourages the community to observe this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

ADOPTED by the Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice on this 28th day of April, 2026.



Kraig Kinney
Chair