



INTERSTATE COMMISSION
FOR EMS PERSONNEL PRACTICE

The U.S. EMS Compact

RESOLUTION 2026-01

EMS Week 2026

To Recognize the Week of May 17 through 23, 2026, as Emergency Medical Services Week

- WHEREAS**, emergency medical services are a vital public service; and
- WHEREAS**, EMS practitioners are professional medical providers who 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 have grown to fill a gap by providing essential, 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**, the Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice also recognizes State EMS Offices, which serve as the lead state executive branch offices responsible for ensuring a coordinated, systems approach to emergency medical services, overseeing the licensure of EMS personnel, administering the EMS system, and upholding public protection, thereby ensuring effective and responsive healthcare delivery; and
- WHEREAS**, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating the Emergency Medical Services Week.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice, in recognition of this event, does hereby adopt and recognize the week of May 17 through 23, 2026, as EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK, commemorating the 52nd Anniversary of EMS Week.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission encourages the community to observe this week 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