Proclamation for National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week May 17-23, 2026

WHEREAS, every day in our communities, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) providers put themselves in harm's way to save lives, safeguard dangerous situations, and deliver hope to families and communities in crisis; 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, with selflessness, professionalism, and grace, our EMS providers have provided essential emergency care; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, EMS providers in King County - consisting of firefighters, paramedics, emergency dispatchers, nurses, and social workers - responded to over 265,000 EMS calls in 2025; and

WHEREAS, because of the countless hours of training focused on EMS, the citizens of King County are afforded one of the highest out-of-hospital cardiac arrest survival rates in the world. 45% of out-of-hospital cardiac arrests are discharged home neurologically intact; and

WHEREAS, Puget Sound Fire answered the call for EMS 30,388 times in 2025, which was approximately 68% of the total call volume for service;

NOW, THEREFORE, The Honorable Governance Board for the Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority do hereby proclaim May 17-23, 2026, as **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK**, in the Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority and commend this observation to all our citizens.

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