

# Proclamation



**WHEREAS**, Emergency medical services (E.M.S.) emerged during the Civil War era in the U.S. All military personnel had to be examined by medical officers to qualify for duty, and ambulance teams were trained in patient care to care for injured soldiers. Fast forward a few decades, in 1865, Cincinnati got its first civilian ambulance. Later, in 1869, New York City advertised a 30-second response time and provided an ambulance surgeon for critical patients; and

**WHEREAS**, During World War I, signal boxes were used by injured soldiers to assist medical teams in locating them on the battlefields. Along with ambulances, medical teams also used electric, steam, and gasoline-powered carriages to transport the injured. After the war, civilian ambulances carrying surgeons were equipped with radio dispatchers so they could quickly reach those in need; and


**WHEREAS**, However, the emergence of what we know as modern-day emergency medical services began during the 1950s as a subsidiary of five different types of businesses: towing operators, medical equipment companies, funeral homes, hospitals, and police/fire departments. The subsidiary evolved into its own industry over time. However, the efforts of E.M.T.s and other E.M.S. responders weren't known or understood until President Gerald Ford authorized Emergency Medical Services Week in 1974; and

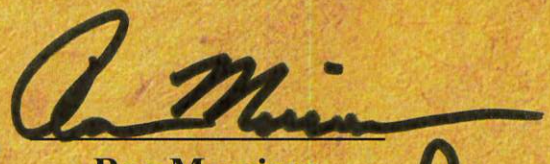
**WHEREAS**, Emergency Medical Services Week is managed by the federal Emergency Medical Services Program, which partners with the American College of Emergency Physicians, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Emergency Nurses Association to raise awareness concerning the need for patients in acute care settings. Every year, the focus is to improve medical facilities for every age group in critical situations; and

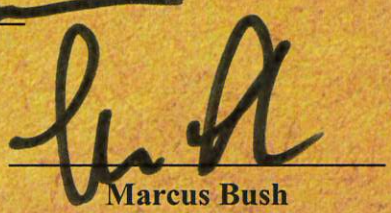
**WHEREAS**, May 19-25 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of National EMS Week. It's a time to show our gratitude toward EMTs and paramedics who provide lifesaving care across the nation every day. EMS Week is also a time to educate the public about EMS, and the essential service we provide to communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, I, Ron Morrison, Mayor of National City, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the City of National City, hereunto set my hand and affix the official seal and together with the City Council do hereby proclaim the week of May 21 thru May 27, 2024, as:

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

  
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Vice Mayor

  
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Mayor

  
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Councilmember

  
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