



**NC DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Health Service Regulation

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May 16, 2019

Dear Fellow EMS Professionals,

The 45th Anniversary of National EMS Week (May 19-25) is upon us, and I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the contribution of EMS professionals at the heart of our healthcare system. As EMS professionals, you provide leadership, innovation, and advocacy to meet the health care needs of citizens and guests of North Carolina. We recognize the dedication and compassion required in providing this service, and we realize that you do not get the amount of gratitude that you so richly deserve.

Today, the North Carolina Office of EMS would like to take this opportunity to say “Thank You” to every EMS professional for your exceptional service to your communities. We appreciate you for working long hours and for taking time away from your families to provide emergency care to communities throughout North Carolina. Your steadfast commitment, quick response, and judgment used to meet the needs of our patients are second to none. Finally, thank you for your bravery and courage, and for risking your own safety to help your fellow citizens.

The theme for EMS Week 2019 is "Beyond the Call". EMS is a necessary service that is vital for our community and the nation. EMS has changed a lot over the past four decades. Today, healthcare reform is fueling innovations and changes that pose challenges and opportunities for EMS. With so many new and exciting changes, there is no better moment to celebrate how far EMS has come, to remind communities about the vital work of EMS practitioners, and to make plans for where EMS will go in the future.

In closing, EMS Week 2019 does not provide the thanks needed to all the heroes that strive to ensure the safety and welfare of the public. However, we're not sure that anyone could provide you the recognition you deserve. The North Carolina Office of EMS understands and recognizes your commitment and hard work throughout the year and would like to take EMS Week to express our appreciation for the service you provide to the citizens and guests of North Carolina.

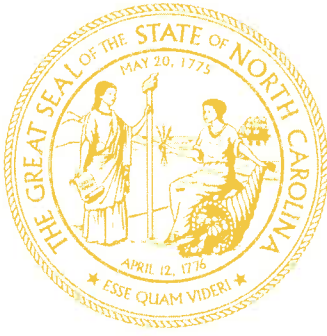
A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom Mitchell".

Tom Mitchell, Chief
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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, emergency medical services are vital to the public; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week, responding to 1.8 million emergency calls in North Carolina in 2018; and

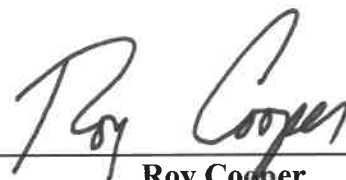
WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina emergency medical services system consists of 40,000 emergency medical dispatchers, first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, and others; 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, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers, who are EMS Strong-Beyond the Call, by designating Emergency Medical Services Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 19 – 25, 2019, as “**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this eighth day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.