

DENVER CITY COUNCIL



Proclamation No. 24-0683

Designating the Week of May 19 – 25, 2024 as Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week and Celebrating the Dedicated Work of the Denver Health Paramedic Division

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is a core public safety service to the residents, workers and visitors of the City and County of Denver and national recognition of the 50th anniversary of EMS Week celebrates the excellent emergency support provided by EMS personnel at the Denver Health Paramedic Division; and

WHEREAS, The Denver Health Paramedic Division is an integral part of the Emergency Medical Response System (EMRS) as the sole provider of Advanced Life Support (ALS) care and ambulance transport for the people of Denver; and

WHEREAS, The Denver Health Paramedic Division, with support from mutual aid partners, responded to nearly 130,000 9-1-1 calls last year, and provides access to emergency health care by transporting nearly 80,000 patients to area receiving hospitals each year; and

WHEREAS, The dedicated people throughout the Denver Health Paramedic Division – paramedics, EMTs, emergency medical dispatchers, educators, vehicle support techs, support staff and administrators – work together to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, every day of the year; and

WHEREAS, The resuscitative care provided by Denver Health Paramedics personnel to victims of cardiac arrest has led to the Denver area having one of the best hospitals and discharge cardiac arrest survival rates in the country; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Denver Health Paramedic Division engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, Emergency medical support is additionally rendered by the Denver Health Paramedic Bike Team at Colorado Rockies games, concerts, parades, and other special events, by the Wildland Fire Support Team, by the Highly Infectious Transport Team, and by paramedics and EMTs staffing the STAR program.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That the Council of the City and County of Denver joins our residents and visitors in recognizing the daily benefit of the extensive skill, training, knowledge, and medical excellence of the Denver Health Paramedic Division, and joins in celebrating them for their heroic and selfless work.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Denver Health Paramedic Division.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL May 20, 2024

PRESIDENT

