

DENVER CITY COUNCIL



Proclamation No. 25-0748

Designating the week of May 18 – 24, 2025, 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 EMS Week celebrates the excellent emergency support and medical care 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 City and County of Denver as well as at Denver International Airport, and the cities of Englewood, Glendale and Sheridan; and

WHEREAS, the Denver Health Paramedic Division, with support from mutual aid partners, responded to nearly 133,000 9-1-1 calls last year, and provided access to emergency health care by transporting more than 81,000 patients to area hospitals; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated people throughout the Denver Health Paramedic Division — paramedics, EMTs, emergency medical dispatchers, EMS 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; and

WHEREAS, 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.

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

Section 1. That the Denver City Council, recognizes the outstanding work of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) professionals throughout the City and County of Denver, and the lifesaving care provided every day by the Denver Health Paramedic Division.

Section 2. That the Clerk and Recorder 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 Donna Lynne, Chief Executive Officer of Denver Health and Denver Health Chief Paramedic, Gary Bryskiewicz.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL May 19, 2025

PRESIDENT

