



City of Dallas, Polk County, Oregon

Emergency Medical Services Week

WHEREAS, *emergency medical services is a vital public service, 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, *access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury, and*

WHEREAS, *emergency medical services has grown to fill a gap by providing important, out of hospital care, including preventative medicine, follow-up care, and access to telemedicine, and*

WHEREAS, *the emergency medical services system consists of first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, educators, administrators, pre-hospital nurses, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, trained members of the public, and other out of hospital medical care providers, 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 life-saving skills, and*

WHEREAS, *it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week.*

NOW, THEREFORE, *I, Kenneth L. Woods, Jr., Mayor of the City of Dallas, in recognition of this event do hereby proclaim the week of May 21-27, 2023 as Emergency Medical Services Week.*

With the EMS Strong theme, "EMS Week: Where Emergency Care Begins", I encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

Signed this 15th day of May, 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Woods", is written over a horizontal line.

Kenneth L. Woods, Jr., Mayor