

*Office of the Mayor*  
**Arkansas City, Kansas**  
*Arkansas City*  
*Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, emergency medical services are a vital public need; 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 both the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

**WHEREAS**, emergency medical services have 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, firefighters, police officers, dispatchers, 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 accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating National EMS Week, which was first authorized in 1984 by President Gerald Ford.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Mayor of the City of Arkansas City, Kansas, does hereby proclaim the week of **May 21-27, 2023**, as

**NATIONAL EMS WEEK**

in Arkansas City, and encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities, and recognize this year's theme: "**EMS: Where Emergency Care Begins**".

*In witness thereof I have hereunto set my  
hand and caused this seal to be affixed:*

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*Name/Title: Diana L. Spielman, Mayor*  
*Date: May 16, 2023*