

WHEREAS, emergency medical services are a vital public need, especially in this time of the pandemic; 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, prehospital 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**, I, Scott Rogers, Mayor of the City of Arkansas City, Kansas, do hereby proclaim the week of **May 16-22, 2021**, as

## **NATIONAL EMS WEEK**

in Arkansas City, with the theme, "This Is EMS: Caring for Our Communities," and encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate recognition programs, ceremonies and activities.

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

Name/Title: Scott Rogers, Mayor

Date: May 18, 2021