



## P R O C L A M A T I O N

**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 formalized on November 4, 1974, by President Gerald Ford.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Mayor of the City of Arkansas City, Kansas, does hereby proclaim the week of **May 17-23, 2026**, 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: "**Improving Outcomes, Together**".

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.

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TAD STOVER, MAYOR

April 21, 2026