



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. **This year marks the 51st Anniversary of EMS Week.**

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor of the City of Arkansas City, Kansas, does hereby proclaim the week of **May 18-24, 2025**, 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: "**We Care. For Everyone**".

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

Name/Title: Chad D. Beeson, Mayor

Date: May 6, 2025