

- **WHEREAS:** Emergency medical services (EMS) is a vital public service, and members of EMS teams are ready at a moment's notice to provide lifesaving 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:** EMS teams 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 EMS 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 EMS teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and
- **WHEREAS:** It is important to recognize the value and accomplishments of EMS providers this week and every week; now
- THEREFORE: I, Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee, proclaim May 21 through May 27, 2023 as EMS Week in the Township of Middletown. We thank our EMS members for their service and encourage our residents to make a difference by volunteering with them!

Given, under my hand and the Great Seal of the Township of Middletown, this 15th day of May in the year two thousand twenty-three

Mayor Tony Perry