

# *Proclamation*

*WHEREAS*, emergency medical services is a vital public service that provides lifesaving and supporting care to the people of Tumwater 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*, the emergency medical services teams consist 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 emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

*WHEREAS*, the people of the City of Tumwater recognized the need for and initiated a county-wide emergency medical services system since 1974. Emergency medical services has grown to fill a gap by providing important, out of hospital care, including preventative medicine, follow-up care, and access to telemedicine; and

*WHEREAS*, it is appropriate to recognize, honor, and promote the value of the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers and the Thurston County Medic One/Emergency Medical Services System by designating Emergency Medical Services Week.

*NOW THEREFORE*, I, Debbie Sullivan, Mayor of the City of Tumwater, do hereby proclaim

*May 21-27, 2023*

*Emergency Medical Services Week*

in the City of Tumwater, and I encourage all people to join in this observance to recognize those who give so much of themselves and consistently rise to the challenge for the safety and health of others.

Signed in the City of Tumwater, Washington, and recognized on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May in the year, two thousand twenty-three.



*Debbie Sullivan*

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*Mayor*