

Whereas, emergency medical services is a vital public service; and

Whereas, the members of emergency medical services teams are ready 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, 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, the emergency medical services 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 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, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week; and

Whereas, this year's theme is "This is EMS: Caring for our Communities".

Now therefore, I, Nick Pachota, Mayor of the City of Venice on behalf of the Venice City Council do hereby proclaim the week of May 21 to May 27, 2023 as

National Emergency Medical Services Week

in the City of Venice and urge all citizens to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the Venice Fire and Rescue during this week.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Venice to be affixed this 9th day of May, 2023.

Nick Pachota, Mayor