

PROCLAMATION

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, emergency medical services is a vital public service providing 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 who engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week; now

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in us, do hereby proclaim the week of **May 17-23, 2026** be known as

“EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK: *Improving Outcomes, Together*”

in Marion County and encourages all citizens of Marion County to join in recognizing emergency medical professionals for their contribution.

DULY PROCLAIMED this 19th day of **May, 2026**.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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