



***WHEREAS**, emergency medical services (EMS) embody the true concept of teamwork by recognizing the interdependent relationship among trauma centers; EMS system hospitals; ambulance providers; emergency and trauma physicians; emergency nurses; first responder defibrillators , emergency medical technicians (EMTs), basic, intermediate and paramedic–pre-hospital registered nurses, emergency communication nurses, trauma nurse specialists, and emergency medical dispatchers and who are dedicated to saving lives; and*

***WHEREAS**, in Illinois there are 64 EMS resource hospitals and 67 trauma centers; 7,580 first responder defibrillators; 20,333 basic EMTs, 564 intermediate EMTs, 15,992 paramedic EMTs; 4,837 emergency communications registered nurses; 2,652 trauma nurse specialists; 420 pre-hospital registered nurses; and 2,948 emergency medical dispatchers selflessly providing 24-hour service to the people of Illinois; and,*

***WHEREAS**, this year’s national theme, “EMS STRONG: Stronger Together” underscores the invaluable partnerships, collaborations, and connections among the EMS community;*

***THEREFORE**, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim May 20-26, 2018, as **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK** in Illinois and call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.*

***In Witness Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.*

*Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,  
this ELEVENTH day of APRIL, in  
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and  
EIGHTEEN, and of the State of Illinois,  
two hundredth.*



*Dorise White*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Bruce Rauner*  
GOVERNOR