



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, emergency medical technicians (EMTs) – basic, intermediate and paramedic – field nurses, emergency communication nurses, trauma nurse specialists, emergency medical dispatchers and first responders who are dedicated to saving lives; and,

WHEREAS, in Illinois there are 65 EMS resource hospitals and 67 trauma centers, and 16,051 first responders, 21,329 basic EMTs, 688 intermediate EMTs, 15,385 paramedic EMTs, 4665 emergency communications registered nurses, 2842 trauma nurse specialists, 368 pre-hospital registered nurses and 2847 emergency medical dispatchers selflessly providing 24-hour service to the people of Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, this year's national theme, "EMS STRONG." underscores the immediate nature of the situations to which EMS personnel must respond;

THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, proclaim May 17-23, 2015, as **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK** in Illinois and I 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 TWENTY-EIGHTH day of APRIL, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
FIFTEEN, and of the State of Illinois,
one hundred and NINETY-SEVENTH.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Bruce Rauner

GOVERNOR