

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is a vital public service to our community; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency medical care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, the members of Pompano Beach Fire Rescue EMT and paramedic crews are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services has grown to fill a gap by providing important, out of hospital care, including preventative medicine, followup care, and access to telemedicine; and

WHEREAS, the emergency medical services system consists of 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 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.

THEREFORE, I, Rex Hardin, Mayor of the City of Pompano Beach, Florida in recognition of this event do hereby proclaim the week of May 19th through May 25th, 2019, as:

"Emergency Medical Services Week"

With the theme **EMS Strong: Stronger Together**, I encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Pompano Beach to be affixed on this 14th day of May, 2019.

Rex Hardin MAYOR