

## St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners

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### St. Johns County Presents Proclamation Recognizing National EMS Week

**ST. JOHNS COUNTY, Florida, May 16, 2023** – The St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners presented a proclamation recognizing May 21-27, 2023, as National Emergency Medical Services Week at the May 16, 2023, Board meeting. This year's theme is "Where Emergency Care Begins," which serves as a reminder of the importance of the work of all emergency medical personnel who respond to a wide variety of emergencies and provide lifesaving medical care.

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# <del>ୢ</del>୵୰ଡ଼ A Proclamation Board of County Commissioners St. Johns County, Florida WHEREAS, emergency medical services are a vital public service, 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 have grown to fill a gap by providing important out-ofhospital 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, this year's theme "Where Emergency Care Begins" is a great reminder of the importance of the work of Emergency Medical personnel who respond to a wide variety of medical emergencies and provide lifesaving medical care and support. They also provide invaluable comfort to those who are suffering and a sense of security to the residents and visitors of St. Johns County NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, that the week of May 21st through May 27th, 2023 be designated as National Emergency Medical Services Week PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida this 16th day of May 2023. **Board of County Commissioners** Attest: of St. Johns County, Florida Christian Whitehurst, Chairman

Brandon J. Patty, Clerk of Courts