



Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** emergency medical services is a vital public service; and
- WHEREAS,** 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 fills healthcare gaps 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; 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 the Emergency Medical Services Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Matthew Serratto, Mayor of the City of Merced, do hereby proclaim the week of May 18 - 24, 2025, as **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK**. The 51st anniversary of EMS Week theme is EMS WEEK: We Care. For Everyone. I encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities in honor of the EMS profession and the essential service it provides.

Signed this 19th day of May 2025

Matthew Serratto, Mayor of Merced