

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 18, 2025 TO MAY 24,
2025 AS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK**

WHEREAS, emergency medical services are vital public services; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; and

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

WHEREAS, emergency medical services have grown to fill 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 Emergency Medical Services Week; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the members of the One Hundred Thirty-second Legislature now assembled in the First Special Session, pause in our deliberations to designate the week of May 18, 2025 to May 24, 2025 as Emergency Medical Services Week, with this year's 51st anniversary theme: We Care. For Everyone; and we encourage all citizens to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities in honor of Emergency Medical Services providers and the essential services they provide.