



## Let's Thank Our EMS Practitioners

As each of the States in the U.S. are revamping the rollout of “safety and health” to reopen businesses and to return life back to the “norm,” we have a special week to give honor and tribute to medical members of our society. They are first face we expect to encounter in moments of crisis, emergency, or any community or national tragedies. These heroes are the first responders known as the Emergency Medical Service EMS practitioners.

If this is the first time you are reading about this special week, please remember and thank your local EMS (our first responders and health agents). Thanks to the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT) and the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP), we can dedicate this week to thank and celebrate the variety of services offered by these 2 groups.

On May 17-23, 2020, it is the 46th annual National Emergency Medical Services (**EMS Week**), so we give special tribute to service providers during this Emergency Medical Services Week. The NAEMT organization says it best, *“Without the tireless efforts of each and everyone in the EMS field, we would have not maintained health and dignity as now. We know the battle of COVID-19 is still a mountainous hurdle ahead, but we are grateful for all lives saved and helped during this nearly never ceasing pandemic.”*

According to the <https://www.naemt.org/initiatives/ems-week> in 1974, President Gerald Ford authorized **EMS Week** to celebrate **EMS** practitioners to highlight their important and significant contribution in servicing our nation’s local members and partnering in the communities. Thanks to the NAEMT partners and the ACEP, they have offered annual EMS Week activities. The two groups have worked together to recognize and celebrate

*the EMS practitioners, and they also encourage health, safety, and well-being of each of their communities. EMS Week brings together a strong collaboration of local communities and medical personnel to honor the dedication of those who provide the day-to-day lifesaving services of medicine's "front line." Whether celebrated with a company cookout or a catered lunch; an open house, an awards ceremony or even quiet reflection about what it means to be an EMS practitioner, EMS Week is the perfect time to recognize EMS and all that its practitioners do for our nation.*

Below are five days of EMS Week to educate the community as well as highlight EMS practitioners, which educate everyone to care for a life and save a life too.

- **Monday** - EMS Education Day
- **Tuesday** - Safety Tuesday
- **Wednesday** - EMS for Children Day
- **Thursday** - Save-A-Life Day (CPR & Stop the Bleed)
- **Friday** - EMS Recognition Day

Continued from <https://www.naemt.org/initiatives/ems-week> Please visit their website for details.

### **In Memoriam - Brave heroes lost from complications related to COVID-19.**

Question: Are you interested in offering ways to Celebrate EMS Week?

Here are 10 Ways that NAEMT and ACEP have suggested we honor our own EMS:

- *Feed your team's soul with lunch (or breakfast or dinner)!*
- *Give out goody bags and other swag*
- *Treat your team to discounts at select spots*
- *Arrange dunk tanks and magic shows*
- *Recognize a CPR save*
- *Create an "EMT or Paramedic of the Year" award*
- *Visit a school or youth organization*
- *Bring in a speaker*
- *Honor fallen EMS personnel*
- *Light the Empire State building*
- *Say thank you*

This year, we give gratitude to the people we depend on most. We in the U.S. (and especially in our local LA areas) have lived in such a bountiful life of beauty and riches, that we only stop and pause during a pandemic like today. But it's during this EMS Week and tributes, that keep us grounded to remind us that "everyday is a day of gratitude" we need to share with local EMS.

We simply cannot thank you enough; you inspire us in our hearts and minds.

To capture the theme of this week, please read the "Proclamation from our President of the United States," which was released on May 15, 2020. The President has profoundly stated, "Proclamation on Emergency Medical Services Week."

[Please click on this link](https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/proclamation-emergency-medical-services-week-2020/) or copy and paste the following link to <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/proclamation-emergency-medical-services-week-2020/>

So how will you celebrate this week...or right now? We would like to thank you for your visit, we sincerely hope you will STRIVE HAPPY and STAY HEALTHY during this COVID-19 season.

- Active Aging 365 Team

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## PROCLAMATIONS

# Proclamation on Emergency Medical Services Week, 2020

## HEALTHCARE

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During Emergency Medical Services Week, we honor all of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) providers who play such a critical role in our Nation's health and safety. These incredible professionals respond to daily calls for urgent assistance and work tirelessly to serve their communities. Most recently, they have made significant contributions and immeasurable sacrifices during our Nation's response to the coronavirus pandemic, one of the most daunting and demanding challenges the country has ever faced. This week, we recognize these heroic men and women for their efforts to deliver life-saving care and compassion to their fellow Americans, and we acknowledge that our country is a safer and healthier place because of their work.

EMS providers — many of whom are volunteers — make up a coordinated and comprehensive network of highly trained workers. They are prepared to respond immediately to any crisis with pre-hospital assessment, trauma care, and medical transport, and they also share valuable data with their public health partners. They do all of this under incredible pressure that can take an emotional and physical toll on even the most seasoned professionals. At a moment's notice, these dedicated men and women rush to employ their specialized knowledge, experience, and leadership to reduce the severity of injuries and save lives, often in very high-risk situations. Every day, EMS personnel stand ready to help those in peril, responding faithfully to the needs of their fellow citizens when lives are on the line and every second matters.

The far-reaching and devastating scope of the coronavirus pandemic has increased the demands on our Nation's EMS professionals, including those from our military service branches. These heroes have courageously risen to the challenge. They remain undeterred in their efforts to deliver critical assistance to their fellow Americans. EMS personnel are often the first point of contact with patients who are experiencing coronavirus symptoms. Acting quickly and decisively, they evaluate and triage patients, transport them to hospitals or treatment facilities, and clearly and compassionately communicate with family members who are anxious about their loved ones. During this unprecedented time in our Nation's history, we are ceaselessly inspired by the sense of duty, selfless service, and sacrifice that epitomize EMS personnel.

This week, we honor all who provide emergency medical services across our country for their tenacity and life-saving skills. Thanks to their incredible efforts, our communities and our Nation are stronger, safer, and more resilient. Especially in these trying times, we are immensely proud of these brave Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD J. TRUMP, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim May 17 through May 23, 2020, as Emergency Medical Services Week. I encourage all Americans to observe this occasion by showing their support for local EMS professionals through appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fifteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fourth.

DONALD J. TRUMP