## NATIONAL EMS WEEK "EMS, DEDICATED FOR LIFE" A WEEK OF RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION

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, 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, I Keith S. Balla, Mayor of Watchung, in recognition of this event do hereby proclaim the week of May 16 - 22, 2021, as EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK with the EMS Strong theme, THIS IS EMS: Caring for Our Communities, I encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities in thanks, appreciation and recognition of emergency medical service providers.

Keith S. Balla, Mayor

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