



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) are a vital public service and the members of EMS teams—whether career or volunteer – 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, our community is served by a dedicated team of volunteer EMS providers, "Watchung's Rescue Squad", who respond selflessly to emergencies in the rugged and remote areas of our mountainous region; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers undergo extensive training and make personal sacrifices to ensure that emergency care is available in our tight-knit, community – often reaching patients in challenging conditions where professional paid services are not readily available; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 EMS Week theme, "We Care. For Everyone.", reflects the inclusive, compassionate spirit of our EMS volunteers, who stand ready to serve every resident and visitor, regardless of age, background, or circumstance; and

WHEREAS, this year, we recognize with great pride and appreciation that Watchung Rescue Squad will soon celebrate its 75th Anniversary, marking nearly eight decades of heroic service, skillful response, and unwavering dedication to the safety and well-being of our residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, EMS practitioners serve as a critical link between the scene of an emergency and the healthcare system, and their dedication represents the very best of what our community has to offer;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Ronald Jubin, Mayor of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, along with Members of the Council, do hereby proclaim the week of May 18-27, 2025 as

Emergency Medical Services Week

and encourage all citizens to observe this week by honoring and thanking all emergency medical responders, past and present, and celebrate the ongoing legacy of service provided by our exceptional volunteer Rescue Squad and encourage all to make a donation to them.

Ronald Jubin, Ph.D. Mayor
May 8, 2025