

2017 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 128

BY SENATORS MARTINY AND ALARIO

SENATE. Designates the week of May 21 through May 27, 2017, as Emergency Medical Services Week.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate the week of May 21 through May 27, 2017, as Emergency Medical Services
3 Week, highlighting the theme of "EMS Strong: Always in Service".

4 WHEREAS, in 1974, President Gerald Ford authorized Emergency Medical Services
5 Week to celebrate these services and the important work that those who work in that area of
6 healthcare do in the nation's communities; and

7 WHEREAS, in the forty-three years since that first week of recognition, emergency
8 medical services have helped to save lives by responding to medical emergencies, including
9 heart attack, difficulty breathing, a fall or accident, drowning, cardiac arrest, stroke, drug
10 overdose, and any other acute medical situations; and

11 WHEREAS, emergency medical services are an essential public function and a vital
12 part of the medical care continuum; and

13 WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide
14 lifesaving care to those in need, twenty-four hours a day and seven days a week; and

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

17 WHEREAS, emergency medical services have grown to fill a gap by providing
18 important, out-of-hospital care, including preventative medicine, follow-up care, and access

1 to telemedicine; and

2 WHEREAS, the emergency services system consists of first responders, emergency
3 medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police
4 officers, educators, administrators, prehospital nurses, emergency physicians, trained
5 members of the public, and other out-of-hospital medical providers; and

6 WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or
7 volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to
8 enhance their lifesaving skills; and

9 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to continue the annual occasion to recognize and
10 celebrate the value and accomplishments of emergency medical service providers by
11 designating Emergency Medical Services Week, May 21 through May 27, 2017, highlighting
12 a theme of "EMS Strong: Always in Service".

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
14 does hereby designate the week of May 21 through May 27, 2017, as Emergency Medical
15 Services Week, keeping to a theme of "EMS Strong: Always in Service".

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
17 Deputy Fire Chief Terry Blanchard, president of the Louisiana Association of Nationally
18 Registered Emergency Medical Technicians.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.

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