

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, emergency medical services is a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, the emergency medical services system succeeds because of the teamwork and dedication of Alexandria's Public Safety Communications Officers, Paramedics, and Firefighters and EMTs, along with their partners in public safety, public health, social services, the hospitals and throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Fire Department's emergency medical service providers 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 of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Fire Department's emergency medical services providers engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Fire Department's emergency medical services providers strive to serve everyone in need, from the city's visitors, workers, and residents, to their own brothers and sisters in public safety; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Fire Department has expanded its scope to include mobile medical care, also known as community paramedicine, to citizens that have been identified as in need of community health resources; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and accomplishments of this city's emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALYIA GASKINS, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of May 18 – 24, 2025, as:

"EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK"

In the City of Alexandria and note the theme, EMS WEEK: We Care. For Everyone, and I encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 13th day of May 2025.

MAYOR ALYIA GASKINS
On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk