## STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATIO

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK MAY 17-23, 2020

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) are a vital public service; and access to quality emergency medical care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden and life-threatening illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, the brave women and men of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, are ready to provide lifesaving care and compassion to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services teams consist of emergency physicians, physician assistants, emergency nurses, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, emergency medical responders, law enforcement personnel, firefighters, emergency medical dispatchers, educators and administrators; and

WHEREAS, career and volunteer members of emergency medical services teams engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and EMS providers also educate the public about injury prevention; and

WHEREAS, EMS providers are prepared to respond immediately to any crisis with pre-hospital assessment, trauma care and medical transport, sharing 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; and

WHEREAS, EMS providers have made significant contributions and immeasurable sacrifices during our response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota has a well-established system of EMS providers and services, and we wish to celebrate the dedicated volunteers, professionals and facilities that make our EMS system strong.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 17-23, 2020, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK in the State of North Dakota.

Alvin A. Jaeger

SECRETARY OF STATE