



Calvert County, Maryland

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

WHEREAS, the members of the emergency medical services system serving Calvert County 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 service system consists of emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, educators, administrators, and others; and

WHEREAS, two-thirds of all emergency medical services nationwide are provided by volunteers; Calvert County Fire-Rescue-EMS services are provided 100 percent by volunteers; 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, residents of Calvert County benefit daily from the knowledge and skills of these highly-trained individuals; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week; this year's theme is: "*EMS STONG: Always in Service.*" It's about so much more than lights and sirens. It's about giving the most of ourselves in the name of helping others. It's about being there for people when things go wrong and doing our part to help make sure things go right. It's about supporting each other when things get tough and being there for our communities when they look to us for help. It's about being in service to provide for others, every day. Every day, you're called upon to help others through one of the most frightening times of their lives. Every day, you're called upon to provide a sense of security and relief during chaotic and challenging situations. Every day, you're called upon to do the work that only a select few can do. You've chosen to answer the call of as a Volunteer that demands passion, purpose, and heart – from all those that wear the uniform, day in and day out, and you are "Always in Service."


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County that the week of May 21-27, 2017 be known as *Emergency Medical Services Week* in Calvert County. **BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that the appreciation of all Calvert Countians is hereby extended to the volunteer members of *Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department* for their efforts, and all citizens are urged to observe this week by participating in emergency medical services programs, ceremonies, and activities now and throughout the year.

Given under our hands and seal this 16th day of May 2017.

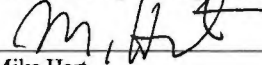
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