

2018 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 7

BY REPRESENTATIVE PIERRE

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Designates May 20-26, 2018, as Emergency Medical Services Week

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate May 20 through 26, 2018, as Emergency Medical Services Week, highlighting
3 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 job that those who work in that area of
6 health care perform in the nation's communities; and

7 WHEREAS, in the forty-four years since that first week of recognition, emergency
8 medical services workers have continued to save lives by responding to medical
9 emergencies, including heart attacks, difficulty breathing, falls and accidents, drownings,
10 cardiac arrest, strokes, drug overdoses, and many 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
19 to telemedicine; and

20 WHEREAS, the emergency services system consists of first responders, emergency
21 medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police

1 officers, educators, administrators, prehospital nurses, emergency physicians, trained
2 members of the public, and other out-of-hospital medical providers; and

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

6 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to continue the annual celebration of the value and
7 accomplishments of emergency medical service providers by designating Emergency
8 Medical Services Week, May 20 through 26, 2018.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
10 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate May 20 through 26, 2018, as Emergency
11 Medical Services Week, highlighting the theme of "EMS Strong: Always in Service".

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

DIGEST

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