Office of the Governor

Douglas A. Ducey
Governor

* EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK *
*TRAUMA AWARENESS MONTH*

WHEREAS, Arizona's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) providers serve 6.5 million Arizonans; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of Arizona's EMS must act quickly, accurately, and skillfully in performing lifesaving procedures in dangerous and austere situations 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; and

WHEREAS, a strong EMS system facilitates access to quality emergency care that dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, trauma is the leading cause of death for individuals up to the age of 45 years and a significant public health concern; and

WHEREAS, Arizona's EMS providers and 38 state designated trauma centers, including specially trained staff, provide rapid assessment, treatment, and referral of more than 30,000 injured Arizonans to trauma centers annually; and

WHEREAS, EMS providers and trauma center staff work hand-in-hand to coordinate the assessment, treatment, and transport of injured Arizonans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 17 – 23, 2015 as

* EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK *

and May 2015 as

* TRAUMA AWARENESS MONTH *

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

[Signature]
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-sixth day of March in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-ninth.

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Secretary of State
One week each year we recognize the service provided by the men and women of the emergency medical service (EMS) organizations across the State. During the month of May, we appreciate the trauma centers, their staff and the thousands of EMS providers and the role they play in saving lives.

Governor Ducey issued a proclamation recognizing May as Trauma Awareness Month and the week of May 17-23 as EMS Week. I join the Governor in thanking the 18,000 emergency medical care technicians who respond to 500,000 EMS calls a year and the 39 trauma centers that treat 30,000 trauma victims each year.

Providing emergency services and trauma care can be hazardous. To help reduce the danger, we partnered with the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Transportation, and the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety to provide Traffic Incident Management training for EMS providers. More than 190 first responders are now equipped with tools to reduce the risks of being injured or killed by inattentive drivers while dealing with motor vehicle crashes on Arizona’s highways. If you want to sign up for training, please visit our website at: http://azhealth.gov/bems/.

On behalf of the Bureau of EMS and Trauma System and the entire Department of Health Services, thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

Cory Nelson, MPA
Interim Director