

**PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 21 THROUGH MAY 27, 2023, AS
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK
IN THE CITY OF COLONIAL HEIGHTS, VIRGINIA**

WHEREAS, in 1974, President Gerald R. Ford authorized Emergency Medical Services Week to celebrate EMS practitioners and the important work they do in our nation's communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Colonial Heights EMS has been providing vital public services to residents since 1987; and

WHEREAS, the members of EMS teams 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, EMS has grown to fill a gap by providing important, out-of-hospital care, including preventative medicine, and follow-up care; and

WHEREAS, the EMS system consists of first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, educators, administrators, pre-hospital nurses, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, trained members of the public, and other out of hospital medical care providers; and

WHEREAS, the members of EMS teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, EMS professionals will always be front line when it comes to emergencies and emergency care which requires quick problem-solving to save lives; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of EMS providers by designating *Emergency Medical Services Week*.

NOW THEREFORE, I, T. Gregory Kochuba, Mayor, on behalf of City Council, do hereby proclaim and announce May 21-27, 2023, as *Emergency Medical Services Week* in in the City of Colonial Heights, Virginia and encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

SIGNED this 9th day of May, 2023.

T. Gregory Kochuba, Mayor

Attest:

Pamela B. Wallace, City Clerk