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PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MAY 21-27, 2023, AS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

WHEREAS, emergency medical services are a vital public service and the members of emergency medical services 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, emergency medical services have grown to fill a gap by providing important, out of hospital care, including preventative medicine, follow-up care, and access to telemedicine; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE the Rowan County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the week of May 21-27, 2023, as **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK** with the EMS Strong theme, **THIS IS EMS: Caring for Our Communities**, and encourages the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

This the 15th day of May 2023.

Gregory C. Edds, Chairman

ATTEST:

Sarah Pack
Clerk to the Board