## City of Albany Proclamation

## IN RECOGNITION OF MAY 20-26, 2018 AS NATIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) WEEK AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN DAY

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

WHEREAS, the dedicated EMT's and Paramedics of the Albany Fire Department provide exemplary emergency medical care and ambulance transportation to the citizens and visitors of Albany; and

WHEREAS, the Albany Fire Department personnel 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 services system consists of first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, police officers, educators, administrators, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, and others; 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, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Albany City Council hereby recognizes the week of May 20-26, 2018 as National Emergency Services Week with the theme "EMS Strong: Called to Care", including the designation of May 23, 2018 as "Emergency Medical Services for Children Day" and encourages all Albany residents to recognize and honor the dedication of those who provide day-to-day lifesaving services in our community.

Peggy McQuaid, Mayor

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