



**King County**

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# PROCLAMATION

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**WHEREAS,** the American College of Emergency Physicians recognizes the week of May 17-23, 2026, as Emergency Medical Services Week in celebration of the federal Emergency Medical Services System Act of 1973; and

**WHEREAS,** Emergency Medical Services are among the most important services provided to area residents and visitors, with rapid access to effective emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

**WHEREAS,** King County emergency medical services were a model for the federal act, and for over 50 years, the Medic One program has delivered excellent emergency medical care to the residents and visitors throughout the region; and

**WHEREAS,** since its inception, Medic One has saved countless lives, tripling the survival rate of victims of cardiac arrest and doubling hospital discharge rates alone; and

**WHEREAS,** every day, emergency medical services providers put the needs of their communities above their own as they respond to crises, treat injuries, and save lives; and


**WHEREAS,** we are grateful for the commitment of all EMS personnel who care for everyone and have helped shape this EMS system into one that is heralded the world over;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Girmay Zahilay, Executive of King County, do hereby proclaim the week of May 17 to 23, 2026, as

## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK**

in King County in recognition of the value, dedication, and accomplishments of our emergency medical services personnel throughout our region.

DATED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

  
Girmay Zahilay  
King County Executive