



Proclamation

*On a motion by Councilor Liz Seman
Members of Greenville County Council wish to declare May 19 – 23, 2025 to be*

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK in Greenville County

WHEREAS, Greenville County EMS provides a vital public service, delivering emergency care 24 hours a day, 365 days a year; and is the sole provider for medical 9-1-1 calls, responding to more than 93,000 calls in 2024, and

WHEREAS, Greenville County EMS employs more than 300 talented and dedicated staff members; paramedics, EMTs, telecommunicators, support services technicians, and administrators, who execute a high performance, tiered system that provides exceptional care to Greenville County citizens, as well as having developed a Tactical EMS team to support the medical needs of local law enforcement agencies during high-risk operations; and

WHEREAS, Greenville County EMS has completed its second internal Paramedic Academy, and seventh EMS Academy, producing a continued legacy of high-performing paramedics and technicians; and

WHEREAS, Greenville County Emergency Medical Services has been named the EMS System of the Year by the South Carolina EMS Association, they were also awarded Mission Lifeline - EMS Gold Plus status by the American Heart Association for its excellent program, and have again been awarded Accredited Center of Excellence by the International Academies of Emergency Dispatch; and

WHEREAS, on the department's 50th Anniversary, Greenville County Council would like to recognize the contributions of Greenville County EMS throughout the recent natural disasters that have shaken our community, resulting in a 103% increase in medical calls and a 1235% increase in fire calls during the Hurricane Helene disaster. And during the 2025 wildfires, where they provided not only dispatch services for 18 fire departments, but also provided medical support and rehabilitation for all firefighters.

NOW, THEREFORE, Greenville County Council is proud to honor the incredible talent, the purpose and the passion of all Greenville County EMS staff, and acknowledge their essential role in public health by proclaiming May 19 – 23, 2025 as

“Emergency Medical Services Week” in Greenville County

Signed this 6th day of May, 2025

Benton Blount, Chairman
Greenville County Council

