

# Emergency Medical Services Week

## May 17-23, 2026

By the authority of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, the following resolution is hereby issued:

**WHEREAS**, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) are vital to the health and well-being of the public, and it is appropriate at this time that individuals and agencies who work to provide such services be recognized and extended special commendations by the public; and

**WHEREAS**, this year commemorates the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Orange County Board of Supervisors recognizing the importance and directing the creation of the Orange County EMS Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, Orange County's EMS network includes base hospitals, emergency receiving centers, comprehensive children's emergency receiving centers, trauma centers, cardiovascular receiving centers, stroke neurology receiving centers, fire departments, lifeguard agencies, basic life support ambulance companies, inter-facility/advanced life support ambulance companies, law enforcement agencies, air rescue transport providers, and an air medical transport provider; and

**WHEREAS**, Orange County EMS collaborates with specialized facilities, including long-term care/skilled nursing facilities, hospice organizations, outpatient clinics, and dialysis centers to form the Health Care Coalition of Orange County, to assist them in disaster preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation efforts specific to healthcare facilities, entities, and systems within Orange County and its neighboring jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Orange County EMS community includes dedicated physicians, nurses, paramedics, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, law enforcement officers, lifeguards, park rangers, communication personnel, educators, administrators, volunteers, the Emergency Medical Care Committee and its subcommittees, and the staff of Orange County Emergency Medical Services; and

**WHEREAS**, it is highly appropriate to recognize the value and accomplishments of the EMS community and its partners by designating May 17-23, 2026, as Emergency Medical Services Week and May 20, 2026, as Emergency Medical Services for Children's Day.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** hereby declares the week of May 17-23, 2026, as Emergency Medical Services Week in the County of Orange and commends the Orange County Emergency Medical Services community for their contributions and tireless efforts in helping rescue and save lives.