



Thomas P. McNamara
Mayor

PROCLAMATION

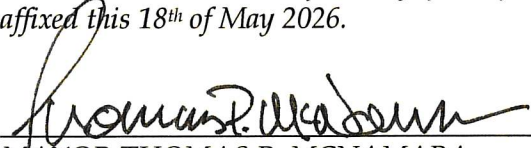
- WHEREAS, *emergency medical services is a vital public service; and*
- WHEREAS, *the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and*
- WHEREAS, *access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and*
- WHEREAS, *emergency medical services fill healthcare gaps 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; and*
- WHEREAS, *the 52nd anniversary of EMS Week theme is EMS WEEK: Improving Outcomes, Together;*
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, THOMAS P. MCNAMARA, as Mayor of the city of Rockford do hereby proclaim the week of May 17th- May 23rd, 2026 to be:

“EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK”

in Rockford, Illinois and encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities in honor of the EMS profession and the essential service it provides



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the city of Rockford to be affixed this 18th of May 2026.


MAYOR THOMAS P. MCNAMARA
CITY OF ROCKFORD