

County of Dane

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Dane County Emergency Medical Service regional system provides coordinated quality care to the citizens of Dane County; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical service is a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, 1,333 emergency medical technicians are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, approximately two-thirds of all emergency medical service providers are volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the Dane County EMS system responded to 33,352 calls for service in 2004; and

WHEREAS, the members of the emergency medical service teams engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, 135 individuals have been saved in Dane County since the beginning of the defibrillation program in 1989; and

WHEREAS, 2005 marks 28 years of providing service to Dane County citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and accomplishments of the Dane County Emergency Medical Service providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week; and


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen M. Falk, Dane County Executive, in recognition of this service to the citizens of Dane County do hereby proclaim the week of May 15 - 21, 2005 as

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

and encourage the communities to recognize how EMS makes a difference in the lives of their citizens by answering the call.



Signed in the County of Dane
State of Wisconsin, this 19th day of April, 2005.


Kathleen M. Falk
Dane County Executive