



IAEMSC

International Association of Emergency Medical Services Chiefs

EMS Week Proclamation 2021

To the brave and good EMT's and paramedics forever in our heart, Happy EMS Week. We salute your loyalty to your communities and the people who live there. Having had the opportunity to travel the world and witness EMS first-hand in all 50 states, Canada, Mexico, Asia, Europe, Africa, and South America no one does it better than us.

We say this without false pride nor flattery, during this pandemic, an event of untold tragedy and heartache we have lead the nation. Our greatness lies in the telecommunicators who answer the call for help, who roster the units, and provide the direction until help arrives. It lies in the indomitable spirit of the EMT's and paramedics who meet the demands day in and day out, under brutal and horrific conditions. When the eyes of the world were upon us we never gave up.

We are brothers and sisters united in a common goal, to make the world a better and safer place. We own this, to make this change ours. Do not look down but look up. Do not look to blame the past, but rather take this opportunity to fix our future. One thing has always remained a constant the patients who will always need our service. They will always be there, and they will always need us.

So this is a call my friend to bear witness to our success, but also to fight for our communities. We bear the weight of a never-ending battle to help the silent victims of abuse, the struggle of addiction, against disease, to save the injured, to take on the hard tasks faced in our communities.

So please, wherever we are in the world, remember this, this is our time now and with the sunrise we will start a new day, and with each new sunrise after, work harder, with compassion in our hearts, united in purpose. Sometimes we feel alone in the world, so small in a big place but we know now we are united as one, we are not alone, and we are committed to helping my brothers and sisters, as they are committed to helping us.

We live for the future, but EMS is about living in the moment, it is the beauty of saving a single life, where all around you is despair. EMS is a life's calling, religious in its endeavor, an art more than a science, a calling that few people outside our profession can understand. Where your heart will be tested as much as your head, where the mighty stand for the meek, where the brave and honorable stand up to the evil, where the strong protect the weak, and where the wise protect the foolish.

Tennyson wrote:

"I am a part of all that I have met

To [Tho] much is taken, much abides

That which we are, we are --

One equal temper of heroic hearts

Strong in will

To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield."

STAY SAFE MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS, we will see you in the street, Happy EMS Week.

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