

**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 teams consist of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, emergency communications technicians, educators, administrators, and others; 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, Alexandrians benefit daily from the knowledge and skills of these highly trained individuals; 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, 2001 marks twenty-five years of Advanced Life Support being provided to the City of Alexandria by the Alexandria Fire Department Emergency Medical Services Division; and*

*WHEREAS, the prevention of illness and injury will improve the lives of Alexandrians; and*

*WHEREAS, the appropriate use of the EMS system will reduce health care costs;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, KERRY J. DONLEY, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of May 20-26, 2001, as:*

**"EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK"**

*and encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 2001.*

**KERRY J. DONLEY**      **MAYOR**  
*On behalf of the City Council  
of Alexandria, Virginia*

ATTEST:

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Beverly I. Jett, CMC      City Clerk

*City of Alexandria, Virginia*

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: MAY 11, 2001  
TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL  
THROUGH: PHILIP SUNDERLAND, CITY MANAGER *PS*  
FROM: THOMAS M. HAWKINS, FIRE CHIEF  
SUBJECT: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) WEEK ACTIVITIES  
MAY 20 - 26, 2001

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In response to Mayor Donley's request at the May 8 City Council meeting, here is a list of activities that will be held during EMS Week (May 20 - 26).

The American Heart Association in conjunction with INOVA Health System have chosen this year's theme "**Operation Stroke**" which is designed to increase awareness about stroke, its warning signs and risk factors.

Activities for the week of May 20-26 are as follows:

**Sunday, May 20, 2001      11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**EMS Kick -off**

St. Mary's School Spring Fling

Activities: Safe House, Fire apparatus display, medic unit display, EMS table display of the Automatic External Defibrillator (AED), blood pressure screening, stroke and heart attack information.

**Tuesday, May 22, 2001      11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**Citizen Display**

King and Royal Streets

Activities: Medic unit display, blood pressure screening, AED, stroke and heart attack information.

**Thursday, May 24, 2001      9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**City Employee's Health Fair**

Charles Houston Recreation Center

Activities: Medic unit display, blood pressure screening, AED, stroke and heart attack information.

**Saturday, May 26, 2001    11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**EMS Demonstration Day**

Minnie Howard School

Activities: Demonstrations by Med-Star, the Bike Medics, a cardiac arrest simulation by the American Heart Association and Rescue Engine 206 will conduct an extrication.

Medic unit display, blood pressure screening.

McDonald's Restaurant will provide drinks and other refreshments.

Fire Marshal Rich Sisler will distribute media flyers throughout the school system, preschools and all Recreation Centers. Also, The Alexandria Gazette will conduct an interview today at Fire Station 206.

cc: Michele Evans, Assistant City Manager