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# PROCLAMATION
# EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK
# MAY 15-21, 2011

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

**WHEREAS**, the members of our local 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 providers have traditionally served as the safety net of America's health care system; and

**WHEREAS**, locally our emergency medical services system consist of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators, and others; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately two-thirds of all emergency medical services providers in the nation are volunteers; 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**, citizens of Rowan County and it's municipalities 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**, injury prevention and the appropriate use of the EMS system will help reduce national health care costs; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rowan County Board of Commissioners, in recognition of this event do hereby proclaim the week of May 15-21, 2011 as

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK**

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

This the 2rd day of May 2011

Chad Mitchell, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Carolyn Athey, CMC, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board/Assistant to the County Manager